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"Attack on Titan" Character Introductions

104th Corps

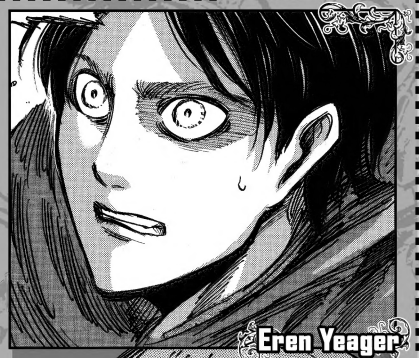
The Garrison

Defenders of cities who work to reinforce the walls.

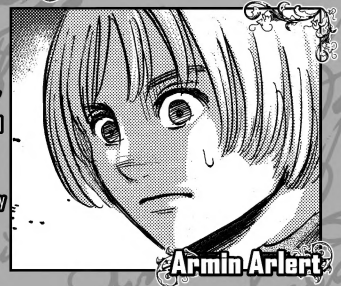
Survey Corps

Soldiers who are prepared to sacrifice themselves as they brave the Titan territory outside the walls.

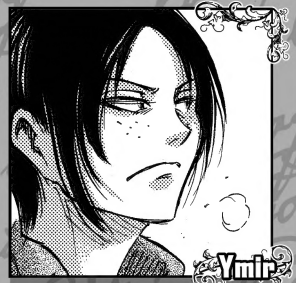
Graduated at the top of her training corps, Mikasa is a highly talented soldier. Her parents were murdered before her eyes when she was a child, but Eren saved her life. Since then, she has made it her mission to protect him.

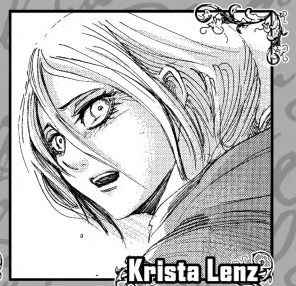


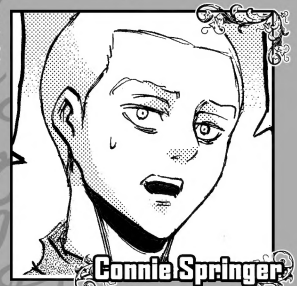
Eren joined the Survey Corps out of his longing for the outside world and his hatred of the Titans. He has the power to turn himself into a titan, but its origins are unknown.

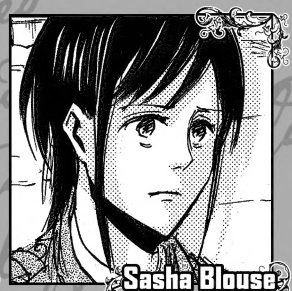


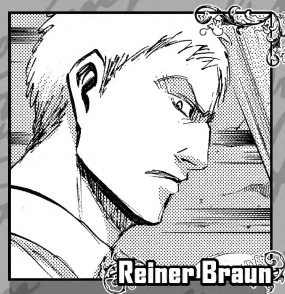
Eren and Mikasa's childhood friend. Though Armin isn't athletic in the least, he possesses both sharp observational powers and keen insight, and he exhibits an extraordinary ability to develop strategies.

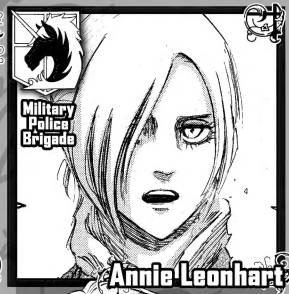


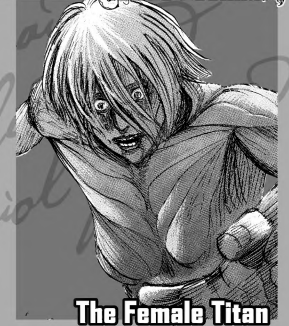












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IS THIS REALLY EVERY-ONE ...?!

HURRY! HELP THE INJURED FIRST !!

THUNK

WHERE DID THE MILITARY POLICE BRIGADE GO?!

DID WE REALLY LOSE MORE THAN HALF OF THEM?

WHOA!

SWAY

THIS GIRL'S IN BAD SHAPE, TOO!

JUMP

AGH ...
UNH ...
YOU'RE OKAY. THE TITANS ARE GONE NOW.
DRINK.
WAAAGH...
FWOOOOOOOOOO
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Squad Levi

THE 104TH HAS GOT THE DEVIL'S LUCK.

I CAN'T BELIEVE WE GOT OUT OF THAT ALIVE.

NOT SURE ABOUT THE TITANS WE WERE UP AGAINST, BUT...

GRRT

NOW PUT HER DOWN SLOWLY.

WE NEED TO GET HER TO A DOCTOR FAST.

YOU SAID SHE GOT SHAKEN AROUND ON A HORSE FOR A WHILE EVEN AFTER HER RIBS WERE BROKEN?

IT'S OKAY.

EREN.

I'M SORRY.

トン

PAT

HE'S ABOUT TO PASS OUT !!

CAN YOU HEAR ME, COM-MAND-ER?!

COM-MAND-ER?!

COM-MAND-ER!!

JUMP

PICK HIM UP, NOW !!

RATTLE RATTLE

I CAN'T BELIEVE IT...

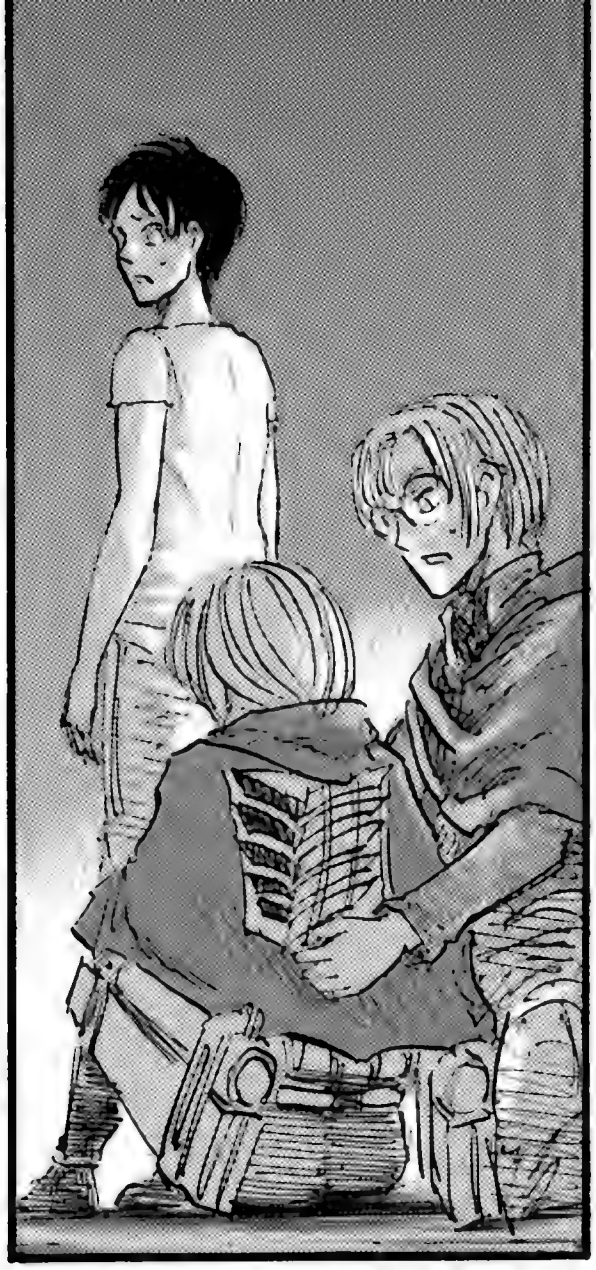
STAND UP.

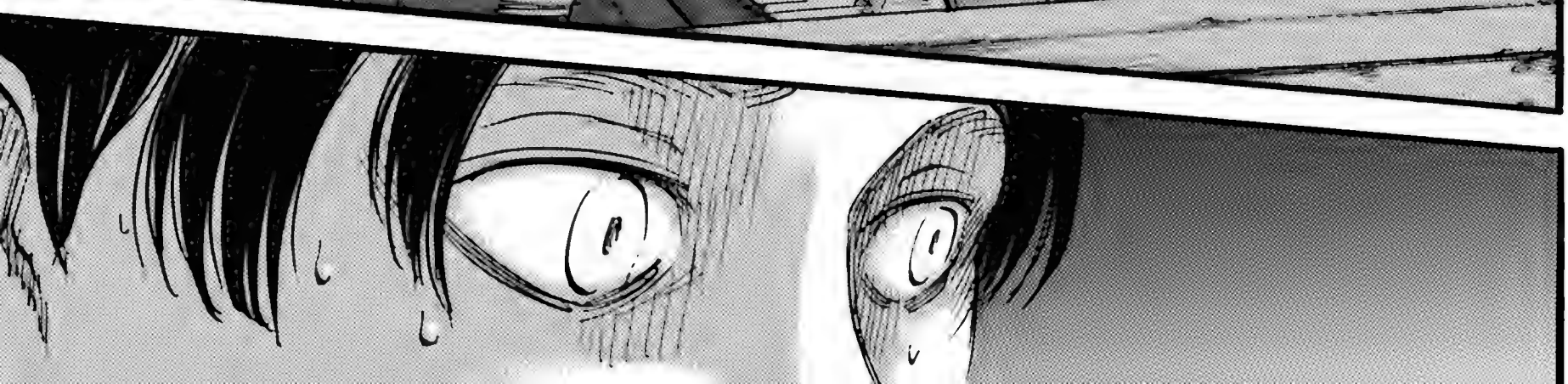
UNNH...

C'MON, CONNIE. YOU'RE ALMOST THERE.

I'M ...

ALIVE ...?





HOW MANY PEOPLE DIED BECAUSE OF ME THIS TIME...?

I GOT TAKEN AGAIN...

I'M SORRY... BUT MOST OF THEM GOT EATEN ON THE WAY.

WELL... IT WAS PROBABLY TOO MUCH FOR ALL THOSE INEXPERIENCED MPS.

WHEN WE LEFT HERE, I THINK THERE WERE 100 OF US, INCLUDING MILITARY POLICE.

...ARE UP AND WALK-ING.

OF THEM, ONLY ABOUT HALF...

...BUT I ONLY SAW FORTY OR SO ON THE WALL.

I DON'T REMEM-BER THE DETAILS AFTER THAT...

I WONDER WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN FROM HERE ON OUT...

THE SURVEY CORPS LOST MOST OF ITS SEASONED SOLDIERS...

WE DIDN'T TAKE ANY LOSSES ON THE WAY BACK, THOUGH.

THE TITANS IGNORED US AND KEPT HEADING FOR REINER.

THE FEMALE TITAN HAD THE ABILITY TO GET THE TITANS TO ATTACK HER BY SCREAMING.

YOU DID THAT, RIGHT, EREN?

BUT THIS TIME... SOMETHING MADE THEM ALL GO AFTER THE ARMORED TITAN AND THE TITAN THAT ATE HANNES.

I...

I...

...

...I DON'T HAVE ANY IDEA WHAT...

EVERY-THING WENT CRAZY WHEN THAT HAP-PENED ...

...ARE YOU SAYING EREN MANIPU-LATED THOSE TITANS ?!

WELL ...I DON'T ...

IS IT TRUE, EREN ...?

IF YOU CAN REALLY DO THAT...

LISTEN, EREN...

WE'D ALL BE DEAD.

IF WE'D HAD TO FIGHT THOSE TITANS THEN...

SO THAT'S WHY THOSE TITANS CHANGED DIREC-TION...

I KNOW IT'S A TOUGH SPOT TO BE IN, EREN, BUT... IN ORDER TO GET YOU BACK...

...ONE OF THE COM-MANDER'S ARMS WAS EATEN...

...MIKASA'S RIBS GOT SMASHED ...

...AND 60% OF OUR SOLDIERS DIED, INCLUDING YOUR FRIEND HANNES.

...

WHETHER YOU'RE REALLY WORTH PAYING THAT KIND OF PRICE...

...IS SOME-THING I STILL DON'T KNOW.

AS TO WHETHER THE PEOPLE WHO WERE KILLED TO GET YOU BACK DIED FOR NOTHING...

...THAT DEPENDS ON YOU NOW, DOESN'T IT?

SIGH...

YOU SURE GOT PREACHY AFTER YOU JOINED THE SURVEY CORPS, DIDN'T YOU?

HUH ?!

OH YEAH? WHAT ABOUT YOU? YOU'VE JUST TURNED INTO AN INDECISIVE WHINER!

HEY, YOU GUYS!

DON'T FORGET I'M THE ONE WHO SWOOPED IN AND SAVED YOUR PRECIOUS MIKASA!

YOU STILL **LOOK** LIKE A BAD GUY, THOUGH ...

NO, JEAN, HE'S RIGHT. IT REALLY IS CREEPY HOW SERIOUS AND RESPONSIBLE YOU GOT ALL OF A SUDDEN.

THANKS TO YOU...

GRIP

...HUH?!

TWITCH

THANKS, JEAN.

I DON'T THINK I HAVE TO HESITATE ANYMORE.

YOU'RE ABSOLUTELY RIGHT.

I JUST HAVE TO DO THIS.

I'LL CONTROL THE TITANS.

AND I'LL SEAL THE HOLE IN WALL MARIA.

I'M GOING TO CATCH REINER AND BERTOLT AND MAKE THEM PAY.

I'LL MAKE SURE THE DEATHS OF HANNES AND EVERYONE ELSE REALLY DO HELP HUMANITY KEEP SURVIVING.

THAT'S HOW I SHOULD REPAY THEM.

RISE

HM ?!

... WAIT!

SWAY

KRISTA?! ...IT'S—

NO.

MY NAME IS HISTORIA.

EREN.

LET'S HURRY...

...TO THE OTHER SIDE OF THE WALL.

...YOU SHOULDN'T STAND UP YET-

GRAB

DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME!!

IF WE DON'T SOON, SHE'S GOING TO GO FAR AWAY!!

WE HAVE TO GET YMIR BACK...!!

USE YOUR TITAN POWERS TO DO SOME-THING!!

W-WAIT-

H-HEY...

YOU'RE STRONG, AREN'T YOU, EREN?!

CALM DOWN, RE-CRUIT.

YOU'RE COM-PLETELY EXHAUST-ED.

HUH...?!

WHUMP

IT SEEMED LIKE ALL SHE COULD THINK ABOUT WAS YOU, AND HOW YOU'D SURVIVE THIS...

EVEN AFTER WE WERE TAKEN BY REINER AND BERTOLT... YMIR WAS WORRIED ABOUT YOU.

...

...SHE WENT WITH THEM OF HER OWN FREE WILL, RIGHT?

IN THE END...

THERE'S ONE THING I DON'T GET...

...BUT,

SHE WAS A MYSTERY TO US UNTIL THE VERY END...

I COULDN'T BELIEVE SHE'D RUN OFF TO SAVE THOSE TWO...

YEAH...

WHY ...?

SHE ...

CHOSE THEM OVER ME...

I CAN'T STAND IT...

S-SHE SAID WE'D LIVE FOR OUR OWN SAKE... TOGETHER...

BUT NOW SHE'S LEFT ME BEHIND...

KRISTA?

WHAT'S WRONG? THIS ISN'T LIKE YOU.

TRAITOR...

I'LL NEVER FOR-GIVE HER...

I'M DONE BEING KRISTA.

SHE'S GONE NOW!

HA HA HA...! KRISTA?!

YEAH... A GIRL FROM A BOOK I READ AS A CHILD—

SHE WAS A ROLE **THEY** GAVE ME IN ORDER TO KEEP ME ALIVE...

I... THINK ?

THEY EVACUATED TO THE OLD UNDER-GROUND CITY INSIDE WALL SHEENA.

THE INHABITANTS OF WALL ROSE DID AS THEY WERE TAUGHT IN DRILLS PREPARING THEM FOR A SECOND WALL BREACH.

...WOULDN'T LAST MORE THAN A WEEK.

AS WAS PREDICTED, THE FOOD SUPPLIES THAT WERE MEANT TO FEED THOSE STILL REMAINING, OVER HALF OF HUMANITY...

IF THEY WERE FORCED PAST THAT, THE PEOPLE WOULD HAVE TO CHOOSE.

IN OTHER WORDS, IF WALL ROSE WAS ACTUALLY BREACHED, HUMANITY WOULD ENJOY ONLY ONE MORE WEEK OF PEACE.

...OR STEAL AND LIVE.

STARVE AND DIE...

SURREN-DER EVERY-THING...

...OR THROW IT ALL AWAY.

...CAME ONE WEEK AFTER THE CRISIS BEGAN.

CONFIRMATION THAT WALL ROSE WAS STILL INTACT...

THANKFULLY, THAT WAS THE ONLY CASE WHERE WE HAD TO USE MILITARY FORCE DURING THIS CHAOTIC SITUATION.

THE EVACUEES ARE NOW RETURNING TO THEIR HOMES.

...AFTER THAT WEEK.

...OR IT'D BE MORE ACCURATE TO SAY THAT WE HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO INSIST THAT WALL ROSE WAS SAFE...

FOR A MOMENT, THEY SAW WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF THE POT BOILED OVER.

THERE WERE NO DEATHS, BUT IT LEFT A BIG IMPRESSION ON THE PEOPLE LIVING INSIDE ALL OF THE WALLS...

WHEN WE EVICTED THE SQUATTERS WHO HAD BEEN LIVING IN THE OLD UNDERGROUND CITY... SOME OF THEM CLASHED WITH THE MILITARY POLICE.

EVERY-ONE GOT A FIRST-HAND REMINDER.

IF WALL ROSE REALLY FALLS, THEY'LL HAVE ONE WEEK OF RESPITE BEFORE MEN BEGIN KILLING EACH OTHER AGAIN.

I'M SORRY, ERWIN. I KNOW YOU'VE ONLY JUST RECOVERED ENOUGH TO TALK TO US...

...BUT I UNDERSTAND IF YOU'D RATHER GO BACK TO SLEEP THAN HEAR WHAT WE HAVE TO SAY.

NO, I'M TIRED OF SLEEP-ING.

PLEASE CONTINUE.

...

IT'S TOO BAD ABOUT YOUR RIGHT ARM.

...

HOW MANY HUNDREDS OF MEN DO YOU THINK I'VE SENT OUT TO BE EATEN BY TITANS?

ONE ARM ISN'T NEARLY ENOUGH TO MAKE UP FOR THAT.

I HOPE I'LL BE ABLE TO PAY BACK THE REST WHEN I END UP IN HELL...

SOUNDS GOOD... MIND IF I COME VISIT WHEN WE BOTH MAKE IT DOWN THERE?

WHAT'S WRONG, OLD MAN?

GIVING UP?

MAYBE YOU NEED ANOTHER DRINK.

AYE, IT'S THE PERFECT TIME FOR A DRINK.

SADLY, THIS ONE'S TAKEN IT ALL AWAY FROM ME.

O'COURSE, SHE SAYS SHE WON'T CHANGE MY DIAPERS LIKE A GOOD MOTHER SHOULD.

HAHA... I SEE YOU HAVE AN EXCELLENT AIDE BY YOUR SIDE.

KNOCK KNOCK

IT'S HANGE.

COME IN.

GCHT

GOOD TO SEE YOU AWAKE, SIR.

SO YOU WERE HERE ALL ALONG, COMMANDER PIXIS.

PERFECT TIMING.

I'M HERE TO REPORT ON THE RECENT INCIDENT.

THIS IS—

CONNIE! CONNIE SPRINGER, OF THE 104TH SURVEY CORPS, SIR!

HE'S FROM THE VILLAGE I MENTIONED, RAGAKO.

SINCE HE WAS THERE TO WITNESS THE INCIDENT, I HAD HIM ACCOMPANY MY SQUAD.

GOOD WORK...

...CONNIE.

THANK YOU, SIR...

...

ABOUT WHERE THE TITANS CAME FROM THIS TIME...

THE TOWN WAS FULL OF EVIDENCE THAT SUPPORTS THE THEORY WE HAVE...

ALLOW ME TO EXPLAIN.

YET DESPITE ALL OF THIS DESTRUCTION... WE COULDN'T FIND A SINGLE BLOODSTAIN.

THE BUILDINGS IN THE VILLAGE ALL APPEARED TO HAVE BEEN BLOWN APART FROM THE INSIDE.

THE TOTAL NUMBER OF TITANS DISCOVERED AND DE-FEATED...

AND ...

MOST IMPORTANTLY, WE HAVE YET TO LOCATE A SINGLE RESIDENT FROM RAGAKO.

...WAS THE SAME AS THE NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS WHO LIVED THERE.

WE BELIEVE IT IS HIGHLY LIKELY...

...THAT THE TITANS THAT APPEARED INSIDE THE WALL WERE REALLY THE RESIDENTS OF RAGAKO VILLAGE.

HERE IT IS...

CLANG CLANG

THIS IS A PORTRAIT OF MY PARENTS.

...I SEE. SO THIS IS YOUR MOTHER?

THIS TITAN... IT SPOKE TO ME.

IT SAID, "WELCOME HOME."

...IN-CREDI-BLE...

WHAT ...?

WHEN I TOLD EVERYONE WHAT I'D HEARD...

REINER DESPERATELY TRIED TO CONVINCE ME THAT I WAS CRAZY.

... ACTU-ALLY, YMIR DID, TOO...

SO THAT'S WHAT IT WAS... BOTH OF THEM KNEW...

THEY KNEW WHAT HAD HAP-PENED ...

AND THEY TRICKED EVERYONE SO WE WOULDN'T FIGURE IT OUT...

I HAD FOUND A CLUE, SO THOSE TWO...

DAMN IT...

...

REMOVE ALL THE STAKES YOU PUT IN ITS BODY.

ALL RIGHT ...

ISN'T IT BEST TO BE SURE?

IT'S FINE. ... ALL YOU NEED ...

...IS TO TIE IT DOWN WITH ROPE.

...CONNIE.

ALL I HAVE LEFT IS THIS PIC-TURE...

SO...

...THANK YOU.

THANKS. YOU CAN HAVE THIS BACK.

...AND MY MOM.

...WHO DID THIS TO US...

IF I FIND OUT...

WHO DID THIS...?

I WON'T ...

...LET THEM GET AWAY WITH IT.

...THIS IS JUST...

... INCREDI-BLE.

...ARE ACTUALLY HUMANS ?

SO YOU'RE SAYING THAT THE TITANS...

WE DON'T HAVE ANY SOLID PROOF THAT ALL TITANS ARE THIS WAY...

BUT... IF THEY ARE, I HAVE A HUNCH ABOUT WHAT'S REALLY INSIDE THE TITANS' WEAK SPOTS.

IF YOU MATCHED THOSE PROPORTIONS UP TO A TYPICAL HUMAN BODY...

"ONE METER LONG, TEN CENTIMETERS WIDE."

EVEN IF TWO TITANS VARY WIDELY IN SIZE, THE WEAK SPOT IS ALWAYS THE SAME.

A TITAN CAN'T REGENERATE AND CEASES TO FUNCTION IF YOU CUT THIS AREA...

...PROBABLY BECAUSE THESE ORGANS ARE INDEPENDENT FROM THE REST OF THE TITAN'S BODY.

...YOU'D GET THE SPINAL COLUMN, LEADING OUT OF THE BRAIN.

TRUE... I'VE NEVER SEEN ANYTHING THAT LOOKS PARTICULARLY HUMAN.

BUT YOU'VE NEVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE THAT, HAVE YOU?

YOU ALWAYS SLICE OPEN THE NECKS OF ALL THE TITANS YOU CAPTURE ALIVE...

YET THERE HAS TO BE SOMETHING IN THERE THE SIZE OF A BRAIN AND SPINAL COLUMN. PERHAPS IT'S SYNTHESIZED INTO THE TITAN BODY AND HARD TO MAKE OUT, BUT...

THEIR NAPES CLOSE UP IMMEDIATELY IF YOU DO SOMETHING LIKE CUT THROUGH THEM WITH A SINGLE BLADE, SO I CAN'T IMAGINE THAT A HUMAN BRAIN COULD STAY INTACT IN THERE.

THE FLESH I'VE DEVOTED MY LIFE TO SLICING OUT IS ACTUALLY PART OF A HUMAN BEING?

SO... WHAT?

ER, SORRY...

I DON'T UNDER-STAND WHAT YOU'RE GETTING AT, FOUR-EYES...

...

I TOLD YOU THERE'S NO SOLID PROOF.

I'VE BEEN FLYING AROUND KILLING HUMANS THIS WHOLE TIME? ...IS THAT WHAT YOU'RE SAYING?

...BE THAT THEIR BODIES AREN'T COMPLETELY ABSORBED ...?

COULD THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN REGULAR TITANS AND TITANS LIKE EREN...

BUT IF IT IS TRUE... I WONDER.

...

ERWI—

HEY...

ERWIN.

...

...THE HELL ARE YOU SMILING ABOUT?

I'VE BEEN TOLD THAT SINCE I WAS A CHILD.

YOU'RE GONNA MAKE ME SICK.

OH... IT'S NOTHING.

HUH?

...?

IS THAT THE REAL REASON YOU'RE IN THE SURVEY CORPS?

YOU **ARE** PITI-FUL.

WELL...

MY ARM WAS EATEN. I'M PHYSICALLY AND EMOTIONALLY EXHAUSTED. DON'T YOU HAVE SOME PITY FOR ME?

EASE OFF, LEVI.

AH... WE'VE MADE PROGRESS THERE, TOO.

BY THE WAY... WHERE ARE EREN AND HISTORIA REISS RIGHT NOW?

WE'RE KEEPING IT QUIET UNTIL THINGS SETTLE DOWN.

FOR NOW, THE TWO ARE BEING HIDDEN IN A SAFE LOCATION.

NOW ISN'T THE TIME TO SPREAD AROUND THE THEORY WE JUST HEARD ABOUT THE TITANS, EITHER.

WE CAN'T BE RASH. IT'S LIKE A STIRRED-UP NEST OF HORNETS OUT THERE.

MEANWHILE, IF WE CAN DEPLOY EREN'S POWERS, WE CAN TAKE BACK THE WALLS.

IF WE LOOK INTO KRISTA, WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO GET ON THE TRAIL OF AN ORGANIZATION THAT KNOWS EVEN MORE ABOUT THE TITANS THAN WE DO.

YES... WE CAN'T AFFORD TO MAKE ANY MORE MIS-TAKES.

THOSE TWO ARE OUR MOST VALUABLE ASSETS RIGHT NOW.

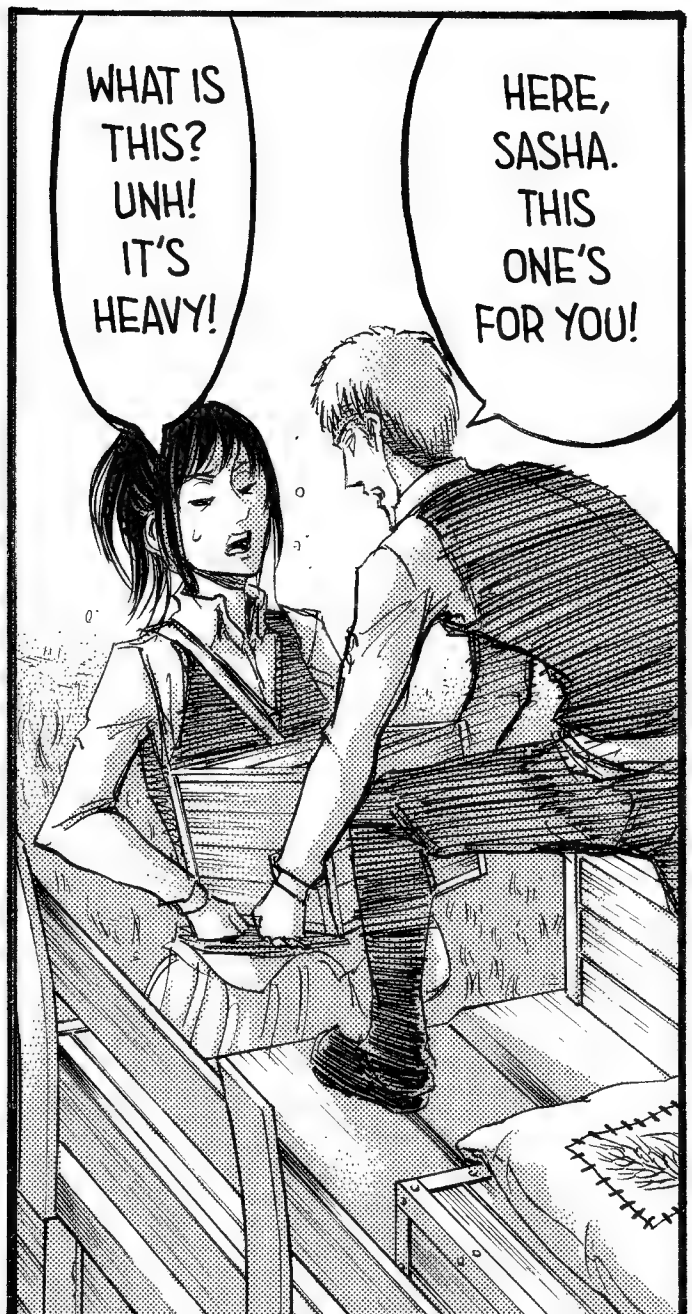
WHERE ARE THEY?

YOUR ARM WAS EATEN AND YOU'RE PHYSICALLY AND EMOTIONALLY EXHAUSTED. I FELT BAD FOR YOU, SO I WENT AHEAD AND MADE SOME DECISIONS.

THAT INCLUDES THE NEW MEMBERS OF MY SQUAD.

WHAT EREN NEEDS ...

...IS TO BE PUSHED INTO TOTAL DESPERATION.


WHAT IS THIS? UNH! IT'S HEAVY!
HERE, SASHA. THIS ONE'S FOR YOU!

I DON'T CARE WHY. WE'RE TOO FAR FROM CIVILIZATION!
...WE FINALLY MADE IT.

IF WE LOSE THESE FOOD SUPPLIES, WE'RE GOING TO STARVE TO DEATH.

STILL, EVERY-THING HAS BECOME SO EXPEN-SIVE.

DON'T WORRY, I'M SURE ANYONE ELSE IN THE 104TH COULD REMIND YOU.

IT'S FULL OF POTATOES. THEY'RE YOUR BUDDIES, RIGHT?

WHAT... COULD YOU BE TALKING ABOUT? I'VE FORGOTTEN ALL ABOUT IT.

DID I JUST HEAR YOU SAY SOMETHING ELSE?

HUH ...?

PROB-ABLY.

ULP... I WOULDN'T.

CAPTAIN LEVI WILL SLICE YOU INTO NICE, BITE-SIZED PIECES.

THAT'S RIGHT, SASHA. JUST TRY TO SNEAK SOME FOOD OUT.

O-OKAY, I UNDER-STAND... I WON'T...

IF PEOPLE FIND US AND START TALKING, WHAT'S THE POINT OF HIDING OUT HERE IN THE FIRST PLACE?

EVEN THIS FAR OUT, HUNTING'S STILL PROHIBITED.

WE CAN'T, SASHA.

WE DON'T NEED TO DEPEND ON ALL THESE GROCERIES. WE CAN JUST HUNT IN THESE MOUNTAINS!

OF COURSE WE DIDN'T. JUST LOOK AT ALL THIS STUFF WE'RE CARRYING. IT'S PRETTY OBVIOUS WE COULDN'T.

...WHAT?

DID YOU BRUSH OFF ALL THE DIRT AND DUST ON YOU BEFORE COMING IN HERE?

PROBABLY.

I HEARD THAT, POTATO GIRL!

GUYS...

...DO YOU STILL NOT GET IT? DO YOU THINK CAPTAIN LEVI WILL BE SATISFIED WITH SOLDIERS WHO ACT LIKE THAT?

THIS MORNING, TOO! IF I HADN'T MADE YOUR BED, THEN—

SHUT UP!!

ARE YOU MY MOM OR SOME-THING?!

WE'RE BACK.

WHA?! YOU WERE CUTTING WOOD?!

I DON'T WANT TO GO SOFT.

YOU'RE NOT A WILD ANIMAL! YOU SHOULDN'T BE MOVING YET!

I TRIED TO STOP HER, BUT SHE WOULDN'T LISTEN. SAYS SHE'S ALREADY HEALED.

IN FACT, SHE WAS DOING SIT-UPS.

YOU WERE PEEP-ING ON HER?!

WHA?!

...YOU KNOW...

I KNOW WE LOST A LOT OF SEASONED SOLDIERS...

PROTECTING EREN AND HISTORIA IS A MAJOR ASSIGNMENT.

...BUT THERE HAVE TO BE UNITS MORE EXPERIENCED AND TALENTED THAN US AVAILABLE ...

YEAH, BUT...

IT KIND OF FEELS LIKE WE'RE RE-CRUITS AGAIN.

DEFI-NITELY NOT A PIECE OF BREAD.

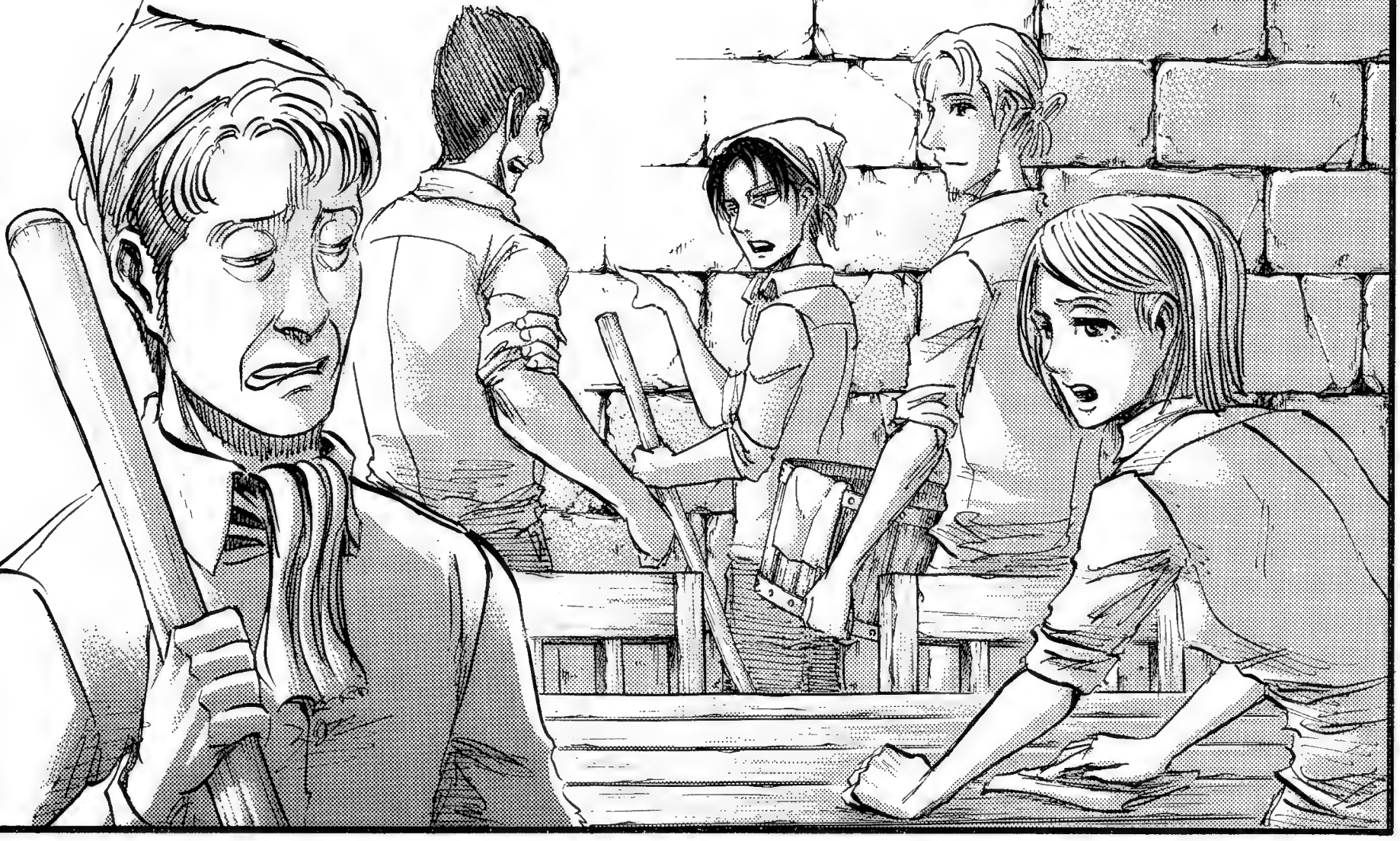
SASHA, WHAT DID YOU JUST PUT IN YOUR BAG?

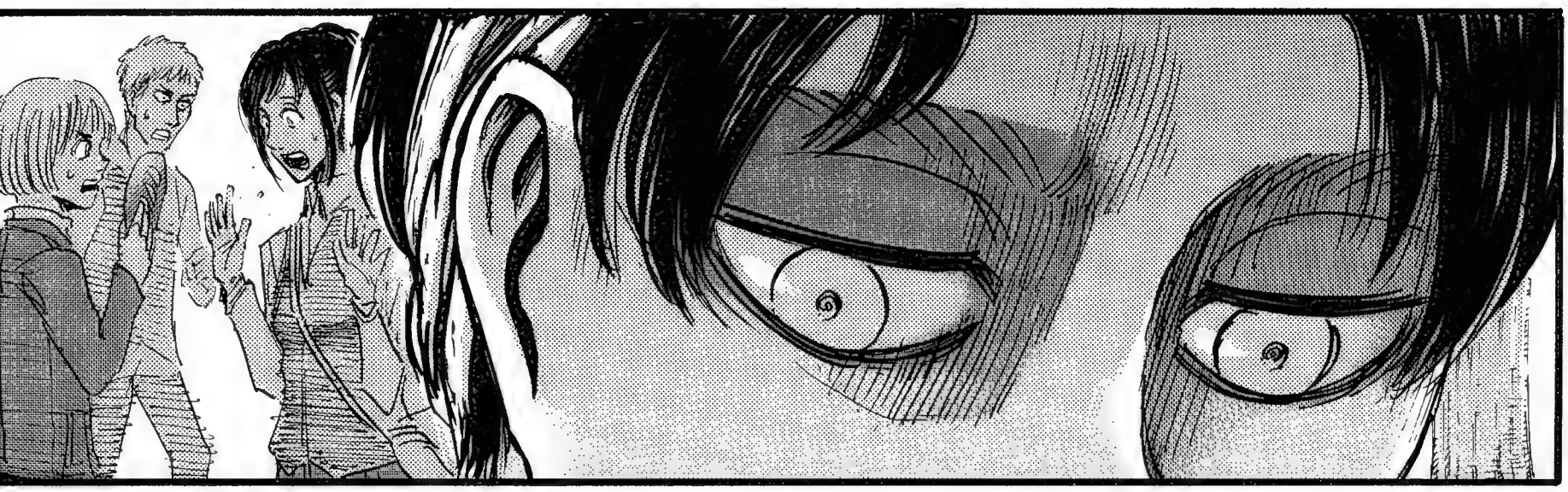
HM?

BECAUSE WE REALLY ARE THAT GREAT.

WHY WERE WE CHOSEN FOR SQUAD LEVI...?

WE'VE GOT TO FINISH CLEANING BEFORE THE CAPTAIN AND CONNIE COME BACK.





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YOU SHOULD HAVE HAD PLENTY OF TIME...

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SWEEP

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WELL... NEVER MIND THAT. WE'LL TALK ABOUT YOUR LAX CLEANING JOB LATER.

RIGHT NOW WE NEED TO GET ORGANIZED AND PLAN OUR NEXT MOVE.

THAT IS, TO CLOSE THE HOLE IN WALL MARIA.

OF COURSE... WHILE MUCH HAS HAPPENED RECENTLY, OUR ORIGINAL GOAL IS STILL THE SAME.

OR A HANDFUL OF TITANS POPPING UP INSIDE THE WALLS.

HMM ?

A HAIR-COVERED TITAN TOSSING BOULDERS AT US,

AH!

WHE-THER IT'S THE PEOPLE NEXT TO US TURNING INTO TITANS,

AS LONG AS WE CAN DO THAT, MOST OF THE DETAILS DON'T MATTER.

YOU SAID IF THINGS WENT WELL, WE COULD PLUG UP THE WALL FAST. EXPLAIN THAT AGAIN.

HEY, ARMIN.

IF THAT'S EVEN POSSIBLE, OF COURSE...

THEN...

THE WALLS... SEEM TO BE MADE OUT OF HARDENED TITAN BODIES. SO IF HE CAN CREATE ENOUGH MATTER ON THE SPOT TO PLUG THE HOLE...

YES, SIR... MY IDEA WAS TO HAVE EREN TRANSFORM INTO A TITAN, THEN USE HIS ABILITIES TO SEAL THE WALL.

IF IT'S JUST US ON HORSES, WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO TRAVEL THE ROAD FROM TROST DISTRICT TO SHIGANSHINA DISTRICT IN ONE NIGHT.

WE COULD ALSO CHOOSE A CLOUDY NIGHT, WHEN THE TITANS WOULD BE LESS ACTIVE, TO HEAD TO THE WALL.

THERE'D BE NO NEED FOR WAGONS TO CARRY LARGE AMOUNTS OF MATERIAL, LIKE IN THE ORIGINAL PLAN.

...LESS THAN 24 HOURS.

...THE MISSION TO RECAPTURE WALL MARIA WOULD TAKE...

UNDER THESE IDEAL CONDI-TIONS...

IT DOES SOUND LIKE A PIE IN THE SKY DREAM.

BUT NOW THAT I'M TALKING ABOUT IT AGAIN,

WHE-THER THAT DREAM ...

...CAN BE MADE REAL DEPENDS ON THIS GUY.

...

YES ...

I UNDER-STAND THAT.

HEAR THAT, HANGE? HE'S FOR IT.

AND YOU'RE THE ONE WHO CHOOSES WHERE OUR EXPERI-MENT WILL TAKE PLACE.

YES... OF COURSE. IT'S MY DUTY...

AS LONG AS I'M ALIVE.

HM?

THE GARRISON IS FULLY MOBILIZED AND PATROL-LING THE WALL

THAT REQUIRES AN INCREDIBLE AMOUNT OF LABOR AND MANPOW-ER...

PATROLS IN THE WALLED CITIES HAVE BECOME SO INFREQUENT, THEY CAN'T EVEN MAINTAIN ORDER.

THIS SITUATION WILL ONLY COMPOUND THE CHAOS IN THE CITIES.

WE HAVE TO RE-CAPTURE WALL MARIA...

I'M EVEN MORE CONVINCED THAN BEFORE.

I WANT THIS TO BE A WORLD WHERE PEOPLE CAN LIVE WITHOUT FIGHTING EACH OTHER.

I WANT EVERYONE TO FEEL SAFE AGAIN SOON...

THIS TIME, WE'LL EXPERIMENT WITHOUT FEAR TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT HIS HARDENING ABILITY, AND EVERYTHING ELSE.

I WANT TO TEST OUT EREN'S POWERS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

THAT'S WHY...

IF EREN CAN REALLY DO THAT, IT COULD VERY WELL TURN OUR SITUATION COMPLETELY AROUND!

THE IDEA... THAT HE MAY HAVE MANIPULATED THE TITANS... IS AN AMAZING POSSIBILITY.

THAT'S WHY ...!

WE CAN'T SIT AROUND AND WASTE TIME!

WE HAVE TO HURRY...

...AND TAKE ACTION! BUT...

I STILL WANT EREN TO LAY LOW FOR THE TIME BEING.

WHAT ?

BUT... WHY?

THE SITUATION SEEMS TO BE EVEN MORE COMPLICATED THAN WE THOUGHT.

I MEAN ...

HUH... FROM THE MOMENT YOU CAME HERE, IT LOOKED LIKE...

...YOU'VE BEEN ON EDGE, LIKE YOU'RE HOLDING IN A SHIT.

YOU'VE STILL GOT THAT LOOK ON YOUR FACE.

SO WHY DO YOU NEED TO KEEP IT INSIDE?

TELL ME, HANGE.

MINIS-TER NICK IS DEAD.

HUH ?

WHA ...

?

MINISTER NICK WAS FOUND DEAD THIS MORNING...

...INSIDE THE TROST DISTRICT BARRACKS.

I DON'T KNOW THE CAUSE OF DEATH...

...BUT I KNOW HE WAS MURDERED.

MPS ARE INVESTI-GATING RIGHT NOW.

STEP STEP

WE DON'T KNOW YET.

HOW DID THEY FIND THIS LOCA-TION?!

FOUND DEAD? HOW?!

STEP

STEP

NICK!!

HEY!

?!

GACHUNK

DON'T COME ANY CLOSER !

HEY! YOU'LL CONTAMINATE THE CRIME SCENE, WEIRDO!

NO.

LET ME IN! HE WAS MY FRIEND!

SMF

KREEEEK

THIS IS **OUR** JOB.

THIS WAS A ROBBERY-MURDER. AS YOU KNOW, WE'VE RECENTLY SEEN A LOT OF THESE KINDS OF CASES.

HIS BELONG-INGS WERE STOLEN.

THERE'S NO WAY...

WHY WOULD A ROBBER BOTHER TO BREAK INTO A MILITARY BARRACKS ?!

...

... WHAT'S THAT ?

DID YOU LOOK AT HIS FINGERS ?!

WHY WERE HIS NAILS TORN OFF ?!

HIS FACE LOOKED LIKE IT HAD BEEN BEATEN REPEAT-EDLY!

WHAT WAS THE METHOD OF ENTRY ?!

AND WHAT ABOUT THE CAUSE OF DEATH?! AND THE MURDER WEAPON?!

GRAB

YANK

?!

WHAT'S YOUR POST-ING?

FOURTH SQUAD —

FOURTH SQUAD LEADER HANGE ZOË...

...AND FOURTH SQUAD XO MOBLIT BERNER.

HUH ?

DON'T YOU HAVE YOUR OWN JOBS TO DO?

... SUR-VEY CORPS.

YOUR ORGANIZATION'S PRECIOUS LITTLE TITLES DON'T IMPRESS ME...

IN FACT, WHY DON'T YOU JUST LIVE OUTSIDE THE WALLS? YOU'D EAT UP LESS OF OUR TAXES THAT WAY.

WHEN YOU'RE NOT OUTSIDE THE WALLS REDUCING THE SURPLUS POPULATION, SHOULDN'T YOU BE PLANNING YOUR NEXT SUICIDE MISSION?

PFFT...

YOU GET ME?

A TITAN DIDN'T KILL THIS HUMAN.

ANOTHER HUMAN DID.

WE'VE BEEN WORKING SCENES LIKE THIS FOR DECADES.

HOW MANY TIMES HAVE YOU INVESTIGATED A CRIME SCENE AND TRACKED DOWN A CRIMINAL?

...

ZERO, RIGHT? THEN SHUT UP AND STAY OUT OF MY WAY.

WASTE YOUR TIME COUNTING TITANS INSTEAD.

GUF-FAW ...

OH, JEEZ! LOOKS LIKE I'VE SCARED YOU STIFF!

HELLO IN THERE! YOU FEELING OKAY?

MILITARY POLICE BRIGADE INTERIOR FIRST SQUAD ...?

SO THEY'RE NOT THE LOCAL MPS...

I THOUGHT THESE TWO LOOKED STRANGELY OLD...

WHY WOULD MPS FROM THE ROYAL CAPITAL COME ALL THE WAY SOUTH TO TROST DISTRICT?

UNLIKE YOU WASHOUTS, ANY SOLDIER WORTH A DAMN IS BUSY RIGHT NOW!

...DOES THAT SEEM STRANGE TO YOU? AT A TIME LIKE THIS, WHEN WE'RE SHORT ON SOLDIERS AND PUBLIC ORDER IS DETERIORATING? FRONT-LINE TOWNS LIKE THIS ONE NEED GOOD MEN MOST.

PLEASE, LET ME SHAKE YOUR HAND!

BUT MEETING AN IMPORTANT SOLDIER LIKE YOU SHOCKED ME!

GRASP

MAYBE IT'S BECAUSE I'M JUST A USELESS GRUNT...

OKAY! SO THAT'S HOW IT IS!

OH!

HE DIDN'T HAVE ANYTHING WORTH STEALING, THOUGH...

I SEE... SO IT WAS A ROBBERY... POOR NICK. HE MUST HAVE BEEN SCARED...

HMPH...

WHAT?!

THE WALLISTS MAKE THEIR HOLY OBJECTS OUT OF IRON. EVERYONE KNOWS THEY'RE WORTH A LOT.

IT'S NOT THAT STRANGE IF YOU THINK ABOUT THE VICTIM'S SOCIAL STATUS.

...SOME-THING TO DO WITH THE CHURCH OF THE WALLS?

NICK HAD...

HE WAS A PERSONAL FRIEND OF MINE. HE HAD NO PLACE TO LIVE AFTER THE RECENT TURMOIL.

YES... I WAS THE ONE WHO INVITED HIM HERE.

IT WAS THE SURVEY CORPS THAT PUT MINISTER NICK IN THESE BARRACKS, WASN'T IT?

...WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

AT LEAST, THAT'S WHAT I WROTE ON THE APPLICATION FORM WHEN I REQUESTED PERMISSION TO USE THIS ROOM.

BUT... AS FAR AS I KNEW, HE WAS JUST A CHAIR-MAKER.

...HE COULD LIVE IN THIS ROOM UNTIL HE FOUND A NEW PLACE TO STAY.

...I KNOW YOU SHOULDN'T USE THE BARRACKS FOR PERSONAL REASONS, BUT I MADE ARRANGE-MENTS SO THAT...

AND MOST OF ALL, NICK COULDN'T EVEN LEAVE THIS ROOM BECAUSE OF THE SHOCK HE SUFFERED WHEN THE TITANS RAN HIM DOWN...

I'D NEVER HEARD NICK SAY ANYTHING ABOUT THE WALLISTS...

AT THE VERY LEAST... HE WASN'T CARRYING ANY CLOTHES OR SACRED OBJECTS RELATED TO THE WALLISTS WHEN HE ARRIVED HERE.

HE FLED COMPLETELY EMPTY-HAND-ED.

WHAT ARE YOU ...

...ANY-THING ABOUT HIM...

NO ONE HERE SHOULD'VE KNOWN...

HEY ...

LET GO ...

... MH !!

I GUESS I JUST DIDN'T KNOW EVERYTHING ABOUT NICK.

GRIP

BUT ...

IN ANY CASE... GOOD LUCK WITH THE INVESTIGA-TION.

...AND WHEN YOU FIND THE ROBBER ...

OH, I'M SORRY! I STARTED SQUEEZING WITHOUT REALIZING IT!

GIVE THAT COWARDLY BASTARD A MESSAGE.

YOU MAY HAVE HAD SOME SORT OF JUST CAUSE IN MIND WHEN YOU DID THIS...

...OR MAYBE YOU THINK YOU'RE NOT GUILTY BECAUSE YOU WERE JUST FOLLOWING ORDERS...

...AND PERHAPS THAT MADE YOU THINK THERE WAS NOTHING YOU COULD'VE DONE.

BUT I DON'T GIVE A DAMN ABOUT ANY OF THAT !!

I SWEAR, THE FILTH THAT DID THIS WILL FEEL EVERY BIT OF PAIN THAT THEY INFLICTED ON MY FRIEND AND MORE!

OH, I FEEL SORRY FOR THEM AL-READY !!

EX-CUSE ME!

YOU TELL THE ROBBER THAT !

DJEL SANNES, MILITARY POLICE BRIGADE INTERIOR FIRST SQUAD.

THE SKIN ON HIS FIST HAD BEEN STRIPPED OFF.

YEAH ...

SQUAD LEADER... DID THEY REALLY ...?

NICK WAS TORTURED BY THE INTERIOR FIRST SQUAD OF THE MILITARY POLICE...

...THEN KILLED.

I HAD THOUGHT THAT THE CHURCH WOULD TRY TO GET THEIR HANDS ON NICK ONCE THEY LEARNED HE WAS HELPING THE SURVEY CORPS.

THAT'S WHY I HID HIS IDENTITY AND PUT HIM IN THE BARRACKS. BUT...

I WAS NAÏVE...

IT'S MY FAULT THAT NICK WAS KILLED.

I NEVER IMAGINED THEY'D USE SOLDIERS TO KILL HIM...

SSIP
TOR-TURE?
SO THE MPS TORTURED MINISTER NICK...
...TO FIND OUT HOW MUCH HE TOLD US?
PROBABLY... THEY'D WANT TO KNOW IF THE CONNECTION BETWEEN THE REISS FAMILY AND THE CHURCH HAD GOTTEN OUT...
...AND THEY'D WANT TO KNOW WHERE EREN AND HISTORIA ARE.

...

OF COURSE, WE HAVE SHARED THIS INFORMATION WITH COMMANDER ERWIN, COMMANDER PIXIS, AND THE ENTIRE SURVEY CORPS.

SO NOW THE TABLES HAVE TURNED ON THE INTERIOR MPS. **WE'RE** WATCHING **THEM...** SO THEY SHOULDN'T BE ABLE TO DO ANYTHING TOO EXTREME.

STILL, IF THEY CHANGE THEIR METHODS, THERE ARE PLENTY OF WAYS THEY COULD FIND US... WE DON'T KNOW WHO IS A FRIEND AND WHO IS AN ENEMY RIGHT NOW.

EVEN COMING HERE TODAY, WE SPLIT INTO TWO GROUPS AND ASSIGNED SHADOWS TO LOOK FOR ANYONE TAILING US.

THOUGH I DON'T BELIEVE THIS LOCATION IS COMPROMISED YET...

AND SO ...

THAT'S WHY YOU WANT TO HOLD OFF ON EXPERIMENTING WITH EREN, HANGE?

YEAH ...

FROM THE TIME EREN'S TITAN POWERS WERE REVEALED ...

... **SOMEONE** FROM THE INTERIOR HAS BEEN TRYING DESPERATELY TO GET THEIR HANDS ON HIM.

BUT... SINCE THE RECENT TURMOIL, THE LEVEL OF PRESSURE HAS CLEARLY CHANGED.

THEY'RE TRAMPLING THROUGH TERRITORY THEY USED TO SEE AS OFF-LIMITS. THEY MAY HAVE ALREADY SPLIT THE MILITARY INTO TWO FACTIONS.

EVERYTHING INSIDE THE WALLS HAS BECOME UNSTABLE, TOO...

IF YOU THINK ABOUT THIS CALMLY, IT BECOMES CLEAR THAT "OUTSIDE ENEMIES" LIKE REINER AND BERTOLT HAD ALLIES ON THE INSIDE THE WHOLE TIME.

IN OTHER WORDS, WHAT WE NEED TO BE WORRIED ABOUT ...

...IS BEING FATALLY STABBED IN THE BACK WHILE OUR ATTENTION IS DIVERTED OUTSIDE THE WALLS.

SO?

YOU'RE SAYING WE SHOULD JUST SIT HERE AND HAVE TEA PARTIES INSTEAD?

THERE'S STILL A LOT WE CAN DO INSIDE... LIKE KNITTING.

... PLEASE. JUST FOR NOW.

"JUST FOR NOW"?

NO. IT'S THE...

... OP-PO-SITE.

IF WE DO NOTHING BUT RUN, THEN ALL WE CAN DO IS GET CAUGHT.

THEY'LL FIND US HERE EVENTU-ALLY.

DO YOU THINK THESE PEOPLE ARE GOING TO GIVE UP THAT QUICKLY?

... HUH ?

HOW MANY OF NICK'S FINGER-NAILS WERE TORN OFF?

BUT RIGHT NOW, YOU FEEL RESPONSIBLE FOR NICK BEING KILLED, AND THAT'S MADE YOU TIMID.

HANGE... YOU'RE NORMALLY CLEAR-HEADED.

AH ...

ALL THE ONES I COULD SEE WERE TORN OFF.

...I ONLY SAW HIM FOR A MOMENT... BUT...

I DON'T KNOW.

HOW MANY ?

YOU SAW HIM, DIDN'T YOU?

...

...IT LOOKS LIKE HE HELD ONTO HIS FAITH TO THE END.

WHILE I DO THINK THAT MINISTER NICK WAS AN IDIOT...

IF YOU'RE NOT GOING TO TALK, IT DOESN'T MATTER HOW MANY OF YOUR NAILS THEY RIP OFF.

IF YOU'RE GOING TO TALK, YOU TALK AFTER ONE.

...
GOD
...

MY...

...THEN IT'S POSSIBLE THAT OUR "SOMEONE" IN THE INTERIOR HASN'T NOTICED THAT THE SURVEY CORPS IS WATCHING THE REISS FAMILY.

IF THERE'S A STRONG CHANCE THAT NICK DIDN'T TALK...

...OR WE EXTERMIN-ATE OUR WOULD-BE KILLERS FIRST.

WE GO OUTSIDE BEFORE WE'RE STABBED IN THE BACK...

ANYWAY... THE WAY I SEE IT, THERE'S TWO PATHS WE CAN GO DOWN.

...GO BEFORE WE'RE STABBED ?

WHICH DO YOU CHOOSE, HANGE?

WE'LL DO BOTH AT THE SAME TIME.

BOTH.

I GUESS THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT ERWIN WOULD SAY...

...HUH.

TO BE HONEST... I FEEL LIKE I DON'T UNDER-STAND HALF OF WHAT'S GOING ON.

... WHAT, REALLY?

BASICALLY, WE'RE GOING TO RUN EXPERIMENTS AS QUIETLY AS WE CAN.

MEANWHILE, WE'LL CRUSH ANYONE WHO'S IN OUR WAY.

IF YOU WANT MORE DETAILS ...WELL ...

...LET'S GET ARMIN TO EXPLAIN LATER.

YEAH.

PERSONALLY... I JUST WANNA KILL THAT BEAST TITAN.

YMIR SAID THAT IT WAS THAT **APE** THAT TURNED MY WHOLE VILLAGE INTO TITANS, RIGHT?

... YEAH.

AND WHAT ABOUT YMIR? SHE MADE FUN OF ME WHEN SHE KNEW EXACTLY WHAT WAS GOING ON.

I NEVER IMAGINED SHE COULD BE SO CRUEL...

NO.

I KNOW HER.

RIGHT ?

SHE WOULDN'T DO SOME-THING LIKE THAT...

HUH ?

SHE WAS DOING HER BEST TO DISTRACT YOU.

WHEN YMIR DID THAT, IT WAS BECAUSE SHE THOUGHT IT WOULD HURT YOU IF YOU LEARNED THE TRUTH ABOUT YOUR VILLAGE...

BACK THEN, THE FIRST NIGHT WE SPENT HERE... I GUESS THAT WAS THE ONLY TIME SHE REALLY TALKED TO US.

SHE'S BEEN LIKE THIS EVER SINCE WE RETURNED.

I WAS BORN ON A SMALL FARM IN THE NORTH PART OF WALL SHEENA.

AND EVER SINCE HISTORIA TOLD US ABOUT HER UPBRINGING...

IT WAS A FARM ON LAND CONTROLLED BY THE NOBLE REISS FAMILY.

I NEVER SAW HER DOING HOUSE-WORK.

MY MOTHER WAS ALWAYS READING BOOKS.

SHE WAS A BEAUTIFUL WOMAN.

AS FAR BACK AS I CAN REMEMBER, I WAS ALWAYS HELPING OUT ON THE FARM.

SHE SEEMED TO HAVE SOME OTHER SOURCE OF INCOME BESIDES THE FAMILY BUSINESS.

WHEN NIGHT CAME, SHE WOULD DRESS UP IN SHOWY CLOTHES AND SOMEONE WOULD COME IN A CARRIAGE TO TAKE HER TO TOWN.

AND WHEN I STARTED TO IMITATE MY MOTHER BY READING BOOKS...

BUT THEN I LEARNED TO READ AND WRITE.

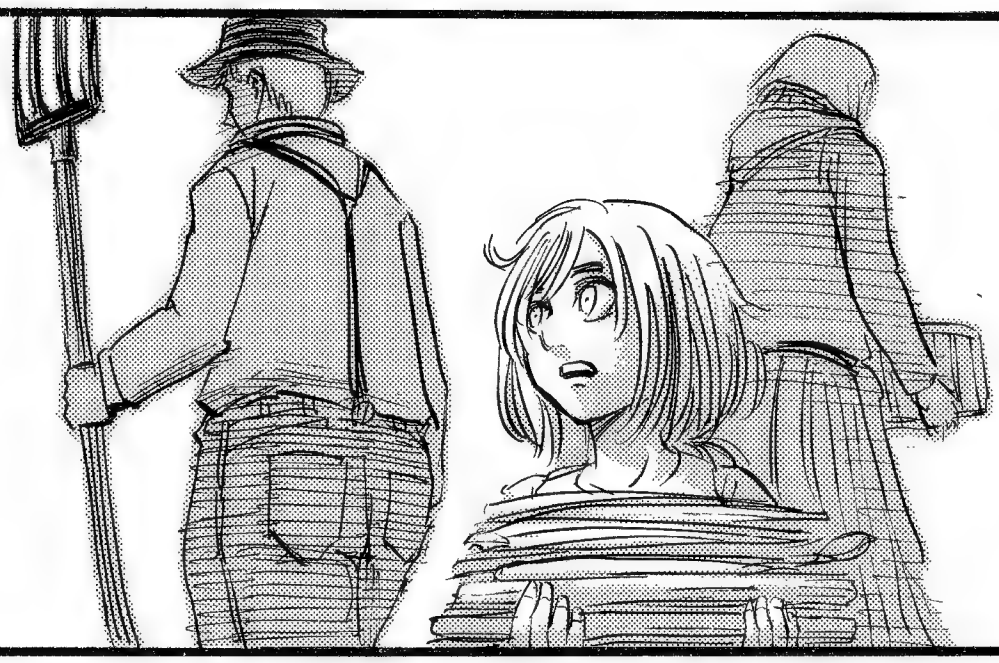
...I LEARNED THAT I WAS VERY MUCH ALONE.

THAT WAS JUST NORMAL LIFE FOR ME.

IN MY BOOKS, THEY WOULD SPEAK TO THEM, HOLD THEM, SCOLD THEM...

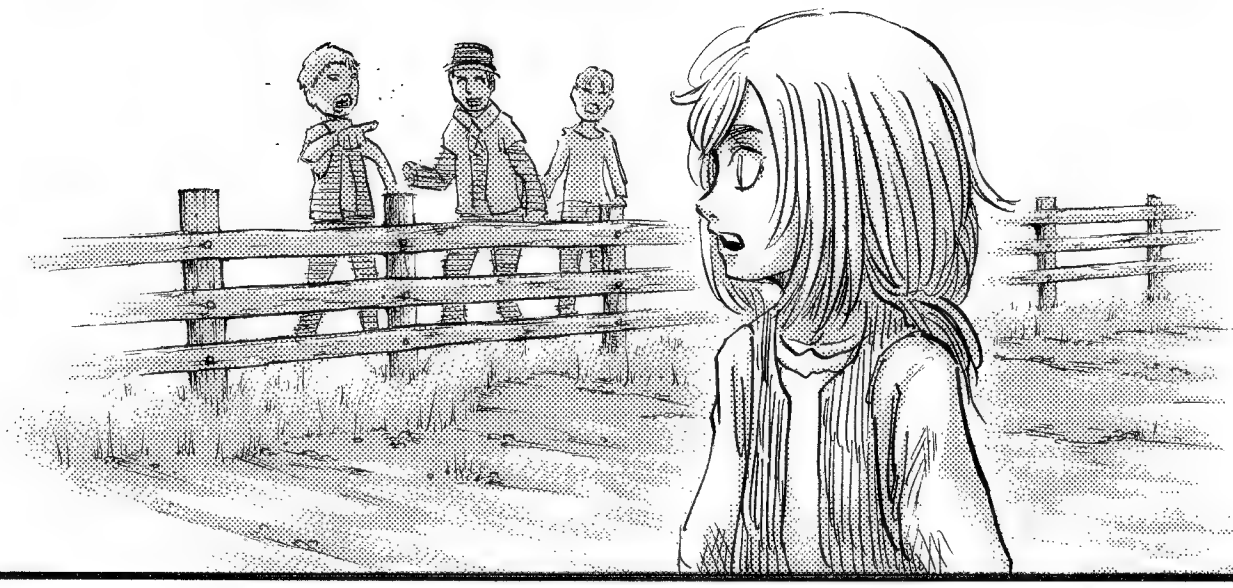
IN ALL THE BOOKS I READ... MOTHERS SHOWED INTEREST IN THEIR CHILDREN.

MY GRANDPARENTS WOULD SPEAK TO ME WHEN THEY TAUGHT ME HOW TO WORK, BUT I HAD NEVER SPOKEN TO MY MOTHER.



I HAD NEVER EXPERIENCED ANY OF THOSE THINGS.

AND THAT THEY'D PLAY WITH OTHER KIDS THEIR AGE.



I ALSO NOTICED THAT THE OTHER CHILDREN COULD WALK AROUND FREELY,

NEEDLESS TO SAY, I NEVER LEFT THE FARM.

TO ME, OTHER CHILDREN WERE DANGEROUS. THEY'D THROW ROCKS AT ME.

ONE DAY, OUT OF CURIOSITY, I DECIDED TO TRY HUGGING MY MOTHER.

...WHAT KIND OF FACE SHE WOULD MAKE.

I WANTED TO SEE...

BOOF

MOTHER!

AAH!

ROLL

NGH!

...BUT IT WAS THE FIRST TIME MY MOTHER HAD EVER DONE ANYTHING TO ME.

THAT WAS ENOUGH TO MAKE ME HAPPY.

ALL SHE HAD DONE WAS TOSS ME AWAY...

...TO KILL THIS GIRL ...

IF ONLY I HAD THE COUR-AGE...

THOSE WERE MY MOTHER'S...

...FIRST WORDS TO ME.

...THE PEOPLE WHO WORKED ON THE FARM, THE PEOPLE WHO LIVED ON THE LAND... EVERYONE...

EVENTUALLY, I REALIZED. MY GRANDFATHER, MY GRANDMOTHER...

AFTER THAT, MY MOTHER LEFT THE HOUSE AND STARTED LIVING SOMEWHERE ELSE.

...IF I WASN'T ALIVE.

THEY WOULD ALL BE HAPPIER...

THERE WAS NO ONE I COULD ASK. THE FARM WAS MY WHOLE WORLD.

WHY WERE THINGS THIS WAY?

WHAT HAD I DONE?

MOST OF MY DAYS WERE SPENT DOING FARM WORK, BUT THE WORK HELPED ME FORGET ABOUT MY LONELINESS.

THE ANIMALS ON THE FARM WERE MY ONLY FRIENDS.

WHEN WALL MARIA FELL...

AND THEN, A FEW NIGHTS AFTER THAT DAY FIVE YEARS AGO...

HELLO, HISTORIA.

MY NAME IS ROD REISS. ...I'M YOUR FATHER.

I MET MY FATHER FOR THE FIRST TIME.

THE NAME THE MAN GAVE WAS THE NAME OF THE LORD WHO RULED THAT LAND.

HISTORIA... YOU'RE GOING TO LIVE WITH ME FROM NOW ON.

BUT SHE SEEMED TERRIFIED.

MY MOTHER, WHOM I HADN'T SEEN IN YEARS, WAS ALSO THERE.

AAAAHHH!!

AND THEN—

AS SOON AS HE SAID THAT, MY FATHER TOOK ME TOWARD A CARRIAGE WAITING OUTSIDE.

AND I NOTICED THAT WE WERE SURROUNDED BY MEN.

MY MOTHER SHRIEKED—

ARE YOU FEELING UNEASY BECAUSE WALL MARIA HAS FALLEN...?

EEENHH

YANK

MY LORD REISS, WE MUST ASK YOU NOT TO ACT SO RASHLY.

NO !!

MOTHER!

SHE HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH ME!!

I AM NOT THIS CHILD'S MOTHER!

ARE BOTH THIS WOMAN... AND THIS CHILD UNRELATED TO YOU?

AHA... IS THIS TRUE, LORD REISS?

NEITHER OF THEM ARE RELATED TO ME.

SIGH...

VERY WELL...

YEEK?!

THUD

...?!

JUST AS WE THOUGHT.

NO ONE KNOWS WHO YOU ARE.

YOU NEVER WORKED IN THE LORD'S MANSION.

YOU NEVER EXISTED.

WHAT ARE YOU ...?!

WHAT?!

BUT... THAT ISN'T TRUE!!

MAST-ER ...!

NO!

...IF ONLY ...

M...

MOTHER...

AH ...

GRRT

IF ONLY YOU'D NEVER BEEN BOR-

THOSE WERE MY MOTHER'S LAST WORDS.

SBBBT

MY FATHER MADE A PROPOS- AL.

MOMENTS BEFORE I WAS GOING TO BE KILLED, TOO...

WAIT.

...THEY'D LET ME GO FREE.

YOUR NAME ...

IF I LIVED A QUIET LIFE SOMEWHERE FAR AWAY...

...IS KRISTA LENZ.

AFTER THAT, I LIVED IN A SETTLEMENT FOR TWO YEARS...

...ENTERED THE TRAINING CORPS WHEN I TURNED TWELVE...

...THEN MET ALL OF YOU.

ATTACK ON TITAN

BOOOOM

EREN!!

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WHAT'S WRONG, EREN?! FINISHED ALREADY ?!

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BS

SS

SSH

HEY, FOUR EYES.

STAND!!

HUMAN-ITY'S FUTURE IS RIDING ON YOU!!

GET UP !!

DON'T YOU THINK HE LOOKS DIFFERENT THIS TIME?

HE'S NOT EVEN TEN METERS TALL, AND HE'S MISSING SOME FLESH.

ALSO, EREN'S ASS IS HANGING OUT.

I KNOW THAT !!

EREN!! DO YOU THINK YOU CAN STILL MOVE YOUR TITAN?!

IF SO, GIVE ME SOME SORT OF SIGNAL !!

IF YOU DON'T, WE'RE DIGGING YOU OUT OF THERE!

MIKASA!

THAK THAK

HEY, THAT GLOOMY LITTLE BRAT IS IGNORING ORDERS AGAIN.

SHOULD WE PUNISH HER?

THAP

NO, HE'S NOT RE-SPOND-ING. WE'RE DONE!

LET ME DO IT!!

WAIT, STOP! EREN'S BLEED-ING!

SBLLT

SBLLT

SBLLT

EREN, YOU'RE SERIOUSLY HOT RIGHT NOW!!

HOT! HOT!!

HE MIGHT END UP JUST TURNING INTO A TITAN IF WE LEFT HIM LIKE THIS!! WOULD IT BE OKAY TO TRY IT OUT?! OR WOULD THAT MAKE ME A BAD PERSON?!

HE'S MORE FUSED WITH THE TITAN'S BODY, LIKE THEY'RE BECOMING ONE!

HANGE?!

SBLLT

WOW... THIS IS INCRED-IBLE! HE'S WAY MORE ATTACHED TO IT THAN HE WAS EARLIER!

SQUAD LEADER!! DO YOU HAVE ANY HUMAN COMPAS-SION AT ALL?!

WE'LL NEED IT FOR COM-PARISON LATER! HURRY!

HURRY!! GET A SKETCH OF THIS!! IS HE GOING TO GET HIS OLD FACE BACK?!

AAHH!!

SBLLT

WHOOOAH! MOBLIT, LOOK AT THIS! EREN'S FACE IS SERIOUSLY MESSED UP!!

SBLAM

SBLAM

OH...

SWOOSH

SSSHHHH

HAAH

HAAH

SORRY... GOT CARRIED AWAY AGAIN...

THUD

ALL TROOPS, WITHDRAW IMMEDI-ATELY!!

EXPERI-MENT COM-PLETE !!

...SO THEY FAILED, AFTER ALL.

MAKE ABSO-LUTELY SURE THAT THERE WERE NO WIT-NESSES !!

WE'RE WITH-DRAWING! SEARCH THE PERI-METER!

YES, SIR!

YOU GET IN THE SAME CARRIAGE AS EREN.

ZAK

HE'S... FINE. I THINK. HE'LL BE HANDSOME AS EVER IN NO TIME! I THINK!

ROLL ROLL

HOLD ON !!

EREN !!

ROLL ROLL

THAT TELLTALE SMOKE GOES UP WHENEVER HE TURNS INTO A TITAN. EVEN DEEP IN THE MOUNTAINS...

WE REALLY CAN'T DO THIS QUIETLY, CAN WE...?

GGGTT

...WE NEED TO ASSUME THAT THEY'RE WATCHING US FROM SOMEWHERE...

I SLEPT FOR A WHOLE DAY...?

I CAN'T BELIEVE IT...

I'M GLAD YOU'RE BACK TO NORMAL.

HM?

MIKASA PROBABLY WON'T SLICE ME TO SHREDS NOW.

HUH?

ANYWAY, DO YOU REMEMBER THE EXPERIMENT WE RAN?

HOW DID THE "HARDENING" GO...?

I... DON'T REMEMBER A SINGLE THING FROM THE EXPERIMENT...

NO...

UN-FORTU-NATE-LY...

WE OBSERVED NOTHING LIKE THAT PHENOMENON WHEN YOU WERE A TITAN.

NOTHING AT ALL? REALLY?

NO...

WE CHECKED TO SEE IF ANYTHING WAS LEFT OF YOUR TITAN BODY AFTER THE EXPERIMENT, BUT THERE WAS NOTHING.

THIS IS HOW THE EXPERI-MENT WENT.

YOU TRANSFORMED INTO A TITAN IN ORDER TO HARDEN YOUR BODY AND FILL A GIANT CAVE THAT STOOD IN FOR WALL MARIA.

BUT SINCE NOTHING HAPPENED, WE PROCEEDED WITH OUR BACKUP PLAN AND RAN ENDURANCE AND INTELLIGENCE TESTS.

I REMEM-BER HOW THE PLAN WENT...

BUT NOTHING ABOUT THE RESULTS ...

WELL...

THE FIRST TITAN WAS A 15-ME-TER CLASS ...

THE SAME SIZE AS THE ONES YOU'VE MADE APPEAR IN THE PAST.

IT SEEMS YOUR MOUTH IS NOT STRUC-TURED-FOR SPEECH.

WE TRIED TO HAVE YOU SPEAK, BUT IT DIDN'T WORK.

YOU SEEMED FULLY CONSCIOUS, AND FOLLOWED ANY ORDERS, NO MATTER WHO GAVE THEM TO YOU.

WE GAVE YOU SIMPLE ORDERS AT FIRST, LIKE TO RAISE ONE FOOT OR WAVE YOUR ARMS.

YOU WERE ABLE TO DO FAIRLY DETAILED JOBS. YOU COULD PROBABLY BUILD A CASTLE AS A TITAN QUITE EASILY.

NEXT, WE HAD YOU PERFORM TASKS USING LOGS AND ROPE.

YOU HAD BEEN WRITING, "I DON'T KNOW HOW TO HARDEN MYSELF."

IT WAS WHEN YOU WERE WRITING IN THE GROUND IN ORDER TO COMMUNI-CATE TO US.

BUT AFTER AN HOUR OR SO PASSED, WE SAW A CHANGE.

AFTER THAT, YOUR WRITING BECAME SO JUMBLED THAT WE COULDN'T READ WHAT IT SAID. ...YOU LOOKED LIKE YOU WERE IN PAIN... DO YOU REMEMBER ANYTHING ABOUT IT AT ALL?

WHAT ?!

THEN, ALL OF A SUDDEN, YOU INEXPLICABLY WROTE "WHAT MY FATHER DID TO ME."

...AFTER THAT, YOU WRITHED AROUND FOR ABOUT THIRTY MINUTES...

I DON'T ...

WE COULD TELL THEN THAT YOUR MEMORY WAS CLOUDY,

AND THAT YOU WERE ONLY HALF-CONSCIOUS.

THEN YOU EXITED YOUR TITAN, PROBABLY OF YOUR OWN CHOICE.

...AND YOU APPEARED AS A 13-METER CLASS TITAN.

YOU WEREN'T ABLE TO HARDEN YOURSELF THE SECOND TIME, EITHER...

AFTER YOU RESTED FOR HALF AN HOUR, YOU TRIED TURNING INTO A TITAN ONCE MORE.

NONE OF OUR ORDERS REACHED YOU, AND YOU SEEMED TO BE INCREDIBLY HUNGRY. YOU ATE THE HOUSE YOU BUILT EARLIER.

WE TRIED TO RUN THE EARLIER INTELLIGENCE TESTS AGAIN, BUT COULDN'T.

YOU RESTED FOR ANOTHER THIRTY MINUTES, THEN TRIED TO TURN INTO A TITAN FOR A THIRD TIME.

WE HAD TO HELP YOU GET OUT OF YOUR TITAN.

YOU RAN WILD FOR A LITTLE LONGER, THEN SEEMED TO RUN OUT OF ENERGY, AS YOU TURNED BACK INTO A HUMAN.

THAT TIME, YOUR TITAN WAS LESS THAN TEN METERS TALL... IT WAS SO INCOMPLETE THAT YOU COULDN'T STAND ON YOUR OWN.

IT WAS EVEN MORE FUSED WITH YOUR BODY, AND TEARING YOU OUT WAS A LOT OF WORK...

...SO AT THE VERY LEAST...

GRIT

...THIS MEANS WE WON'T BE ABLE TO START IMMEDIATELY ON THE OPERATION ...

...TO RETAKE WALL MARIA...

ALL BECAUSE ...

I COULDN'T HARDEN MY TITAN BODY...

THAT'S EX-ACTLY RIGHT.

IT WAS A REAL DISAPPOINT-MENT TO US.

AND EVERYONE'S BEEN MISERABLE TODAY BECAUSE OF IT.

WE CAN'T LET ANY MORE TIME GO TO WASTE.

WHAT'S NEXT? TITANS MIGHT RISE UP OUT OF THE GROUND. MAYBE THEY'LL COME RAINING DOWN FROM THE SKY... AND HUMANITY'S STILL A PACK OF TOOTH-LESS PREY ANIMALS.

IN ANY CASE, WE'RE IN A SHITTY SITUA-TION.

...EREN DID EVERY-THING HE COULD.

I KNOW THAT.

BUT SO WHAT? WHY DOES IT MATTER THAT HE **TRIED** HIS **BEST?**

RIGHT NOW, HE CAN'T CLOSE THAT HOLE.

BUT... BLAMING EREN FOR THAT...

HOLD ON. I'M JUST BEING AN ASSHOLE. I'M NOT BLAMING HIM.

GOING OVER OUR SHORTCOMINGS AND BITCHING ABOUT OUR SITUATION IS AN IMPORTANT RITUAL.

TAKE A WHIFF. INSIDE THESE WALLS, THE AIR'S ALWAYS STUNK LIKE TRASH.

IT'S BEEN THAT WAY FOR OVER A HUNDRED YEARS. WE'VE ALWAYS LIVED IN SHIT.

THAT'S OUR SITUA-TION.

I DIDN'T NOTICE IT UNTIL JUST A FEW YEARS AGO.

AFTER ALL, I'VE SUCKED IN THIS STINK SINCE THE DAY I WAS BORN.

I SAW IT AS NORMAL.

BUT THE AIR I BREATHED OUTSIDE THE WALLS WAS DIFFER-ENT.

YES, LIFE OUT THERE IS HELL...

...BUT IT'S GOT SOMETHING THE WALLS DON'T. FREEDOM.

OUT THERE, I FINALLY SAW WHAT I'D BEEN MISSING.

...IN OTHER WORDS, WHAT LEVI'S TRYING TO SAY IS...

...

...WE LEARNED THAT YOU CAN'T HARDEN YOUR TITAN BODY. AND THAT'S A SUCCESS.

...BUT OUR JOB NOW IS TO MAKE THE MOST OF THESE RESULTS.

WE'LL PROBABLY HAVE TO PAY THE PRICE FOR LETTING OFF THAT SMOKE SIGNAL...

EVERY-THING THAT HAPPENED DURING THIS EXPERIMENT GAVE US USEFUL INFORMA-TION.

WE ALSO LEARNED HOW LONG YOU CAN STAY A TITAN AFTER MULTIPLE TRANSFORMA-TIONS, AND WE GOT A ROUGH IDEA OF YOUR VERSATILITY AND LIMITATIONS.

THAT'S NOT ALL, EITHER!

THANKS FOR THAT...

...YEAH.

...IS WHAT YOU MEANT. RIGHT, LEVI?

IN OTHER WORDS, LET'S KEEP FIGHTING.

...SAVING HUMANITY, REPAYING HANNES AND THE OTHERS—

WHY WAS I THE ONE GIVEN THIS ROLE...? AT THIS RATE...

...

GRIP

I WON'T BE ABLE TO DO IT.

FOR NOW, I'M IGNORANT AND POWER-LESS...!

LEARNING THAT FACT MIGHT BE THE BEGIN-NING OF SOME-THING NEW.

BUT...

WOULD I HAVE BEEN ABLE TO CONTROL MY TITAN FOR LONGER IF THAT HADN'T HAPPENED?

BUT... WHY DID I THINK OF MY FATHER DURING THE EXPERI-MENTS?

...FOR NOW...

FATHER...

WHERE ARE YOU LIVING RIGHT NOW...?

...OR ARE YOU ALREADY...

SHUDDER

IS THIS A MEMORY?

...WHEN IS IT FROM?

HISTORIA?

NO, THAT'S NOT HER...

AH...

I CAN'T... NOT AGAIN...

UGH...

ANY MORE AND...

AH... YEAH...

HM...?

DON'T PUSH YOUR-SELF.

YOU'RE STILL WEAK.

WHAT WAS I JUST THINKING?

AS TO WHERE WE GO FROM HERE...

NOW THAT WE KNOW THAT YOU CAN'T HARDEN YOUR TITAN...

...OUR NEXT STEP IS CLEAR.

THEY MIGHT KNOW HOW THEY WERE MADE... OR IN OTHER WORDS, SOMETHING ABOUT TITAN HARDEN-ING.

THEY SEEM TO KNOW SOMETHING ABOUT THE ORIGIN OF THE WALLS MADE OUT OF HARDENED TITANS.

WE'LL GO AFTER THE WALLISTS AND EVERYONE AROUND THEM.

NOW THAT ERWIN'S IN THE ROYAL CAPITAL...

ALSO...

...AND NOT THE RULER OF HUMANITY, THE KING...

...ARE THE ONES ALLOWED TO LEARN THOSE SECRETS.

HE SHOULD KNOW SOMETHING ABOUT WHY THE REISS FAMILY...

MITRAS, THE ROYAL CAPITAL

ROLL ROLL ROLL

IS THAT A GANG OF CHILD THIEVES? I DIDN'T THINK THE ROYAL CAPITAL WOULD BE IN SUCH BAD SHAPE...

IT'S THE SAME EVERYWHERE. EVEN IF YOU TRY TO CRACK DOWN, THE HOLDING CELLS ARE ALREADY OVERFLOWING.

...
CUT ME SOME SLACK, NILE.

I'M NOT IN THE MOOD FOR A CHAT ABOUT OUR DAYS IN THE TRAINING CORPS.

CAN'T EVEN HANDLE A ROYAL SUMMONS ON YOUR OWN?

SO WHAT DO YOU MEAN CALLING AN MP LIKE ME OFF THE JOB AT A TIME LIKE THIS?

IS IT BECAUSE YOU STILL BELIEVE IN THOSE DELUSIONS YOU TALKED ABOUT AS A KID?

...YOU WERE GOING TO DIE AN EARLY DEATH. YOUR RIGHT ARM'S ALREADY WAITING FOR YOU IN THE AFTERLIFE.

I WAS SURE ...

...
GOOD FOR YOU.

...AND THOSE DELUSIONS ARE TURNING INTO REALITY.

YEAH...

BY THE WAY, NILE.

MINISTER NICK WAS TORTURED THEN KILLED BY THE MP'S INTERIOR FIRST SQUAD.

WERE YOU AWARE OF THAT?

...I SEE.

...NO.

IT SEEMS THEY WANTED TO KNOW EREN'S LOCATION.

WHY DO YOU MPS WANT EREN SO BADLY THAT YOU'RE WILLING TO KILL FOR HIM?

WE'RE... JUST FOLLOW-ING ORDERS FROM ABOVE.

WE DON'T KNOW THEIR REA-SONS.

THEY HAVE A FREE PASS TO DO WHATEVER THEY WANT.

THERE'S NO ONE WHO EXERCISES OFFICIAL CONTROL OVER THEM, EITHER.

OUR CHAIN OF COMMAND IS DIFFERENT, AND WE DON'T HAVE ANY CONTACT WITH THEM... EVEN WE DON'T KNOW WHAT THEY'RE THINKING.

AND WHILE WE'RE THE FACE OF THE MILITARY POLICE BRIGADE, THE INTERIOR MPS ARE ON THE OTHER SIDE.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

IT WON'T MAKE ANY DIFFERENCE IF YOU TWIST MY ARM.

SO YOU CAME HERE TO HAVE ME TELL YOU SOMETHING YOU ALREADY KNEW?

HUH ...?

...

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

WILL HANDING EREN OVER TO THEM END THIS CRISIS INSIDE THE WALLS?

ALL I DO IS CARRY OUT THE JOB GIVEN TO ME.

IT'S NOT MY PLACE TO THINK ABOUT THAT.

WHY DON'T YOU LEARN TO FOCUS A LITTLE?

...

I HEARD HER THIRD ONE'S ON THE WAY.

HOW'S MARIE DOING?

I BETRAYED ALL OF YOU, AND SHAME-LESSLY SURVIVED TO THIS DAY.

...YEAH, THAT'S RIGHT.

BUT THEN YOU FELL IN LOVE WITH A GIRL AT OUR FAVORITE BAR, AND CHOSE TO PROTECT THAT ONE WOMAN INSTEAD OF JOINING THE CORPS.

AS I REMEMBER, YOU WANTED TO JOIN THE SURVEY CORPS ALONGSIDE ME.

...!

BUT... JUST BECAUSE YOU FOLLOW ORDERS AND PROTECT YOUR POSITION DOESN'T NECESSARILY MEAN YOU'RE PROTECTING YOUR FAMILY.

THE SOLDIERS WE TRAINED WITH WHO DIED BEFORE US FELT THE SAME WAY. YOU WERE ABLE TO LIVE IN A WAY WE COULD NOT.

...I RESPECT YOU.

I'M PROUD OF THE FACT THAT I HAVE A FAMILY.

...BUT I DON'T REGRET IT.

HOPE...

...OR DE-SPAIR ?

RIGHT NOW, OUR SMALL WORLD IS CHANGING.

WHO MAKES THAT CHOICE?

WHO WILL CHOOSE ?

AND WHO WILL YOU TRUST?

PAT

YOU JUST KEEP DOING YOUR JOB... I WANTED TO GIVE YOU A WARNING, THAT'S ALL.

IT'S THE ONLY THING I'M GOOD AT.

YOU KNOW ME. YET ANOTHER GAMBLE.

ERWIN... WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?

KCHT

I WAS QUITE TAKEN WITH MARIE, MY-SELF.

OH, AND ONE LAST THING ...

I'LL LEAVE YOU HERE...

BUT YOU CHOSE TITANS OVER HER, DIDN'T YOU?!

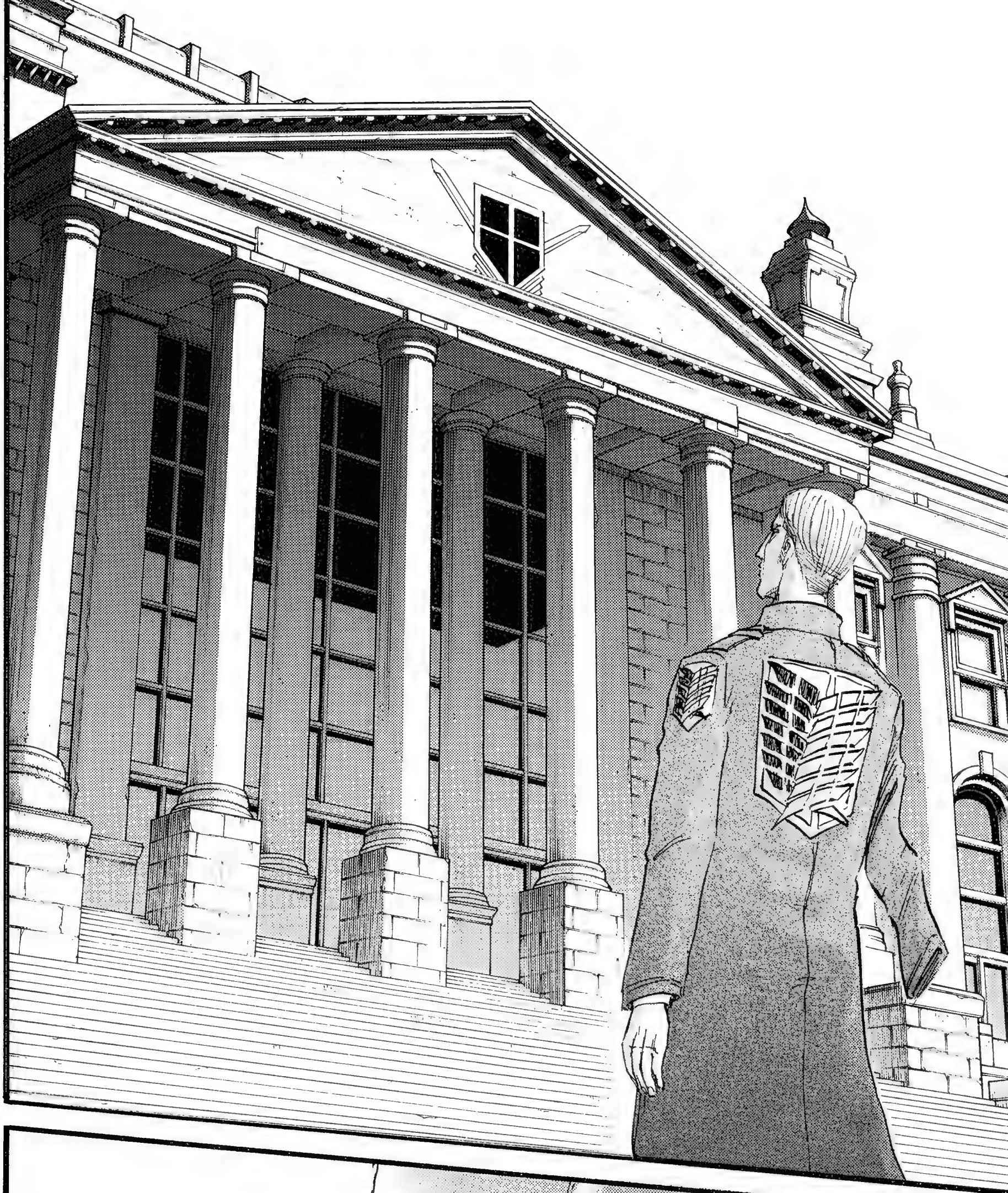
YOU THINK I DIDN'T KNOW THAT?

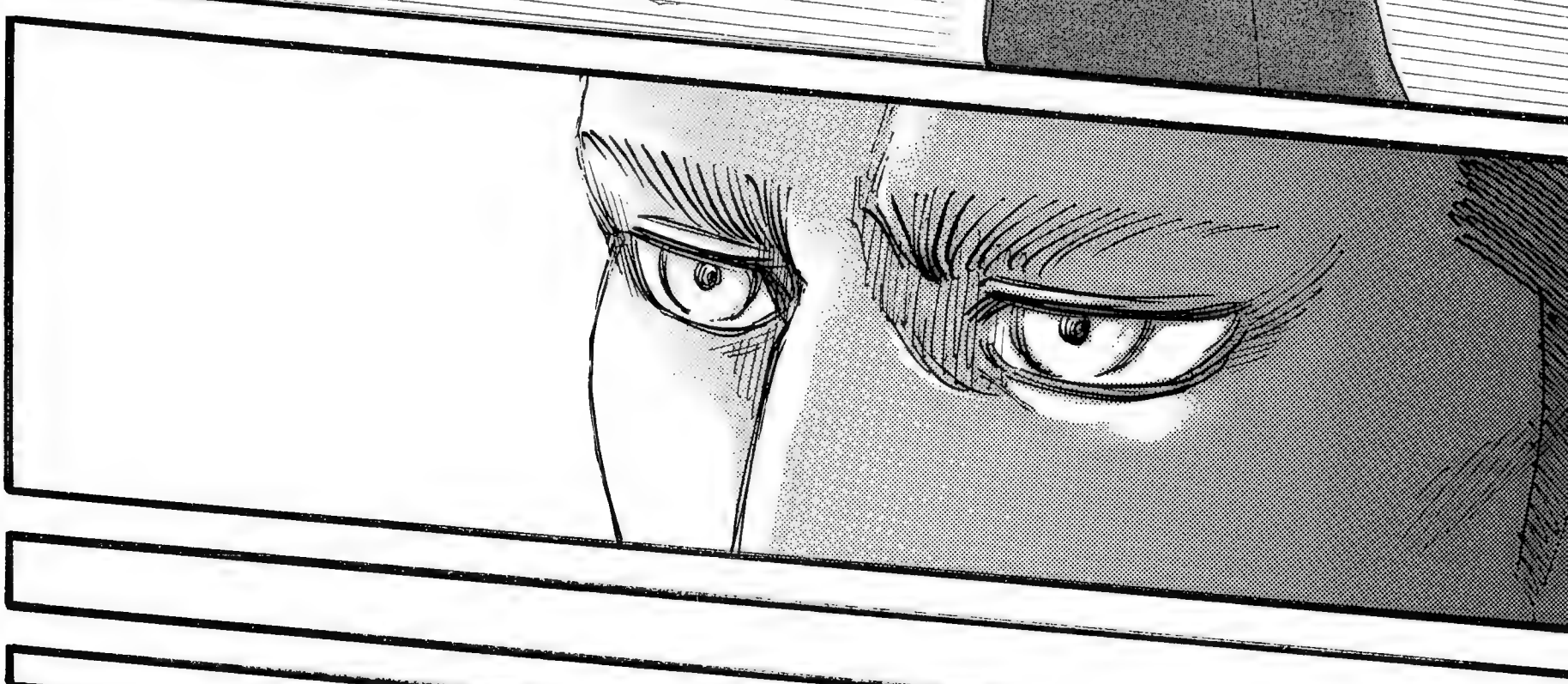
... HAH!

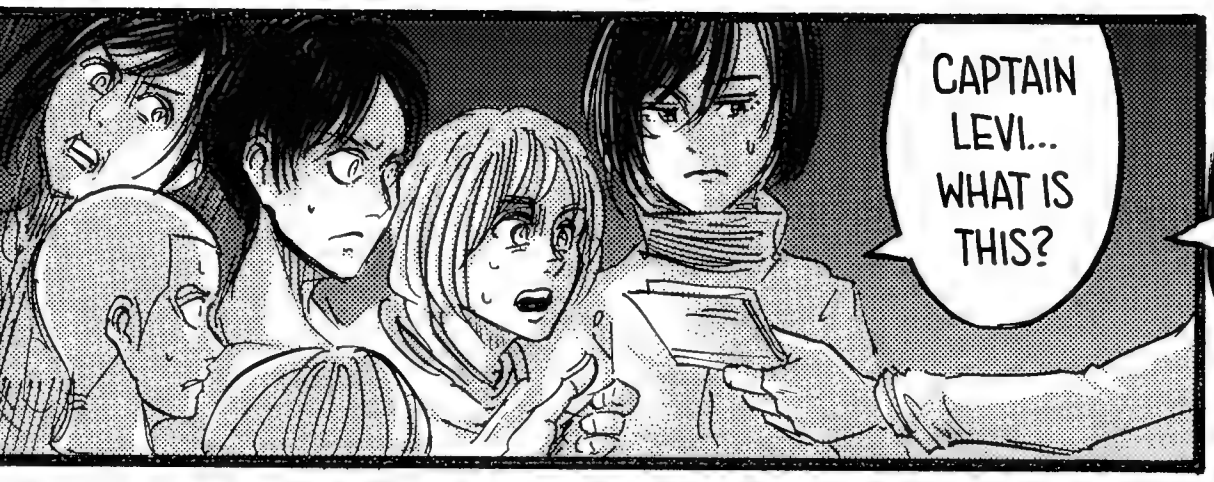
...

MORE INTERESTED IN TITANS THAN MARIE...

THERE'S SOME-THING WRONG WITH YOU!



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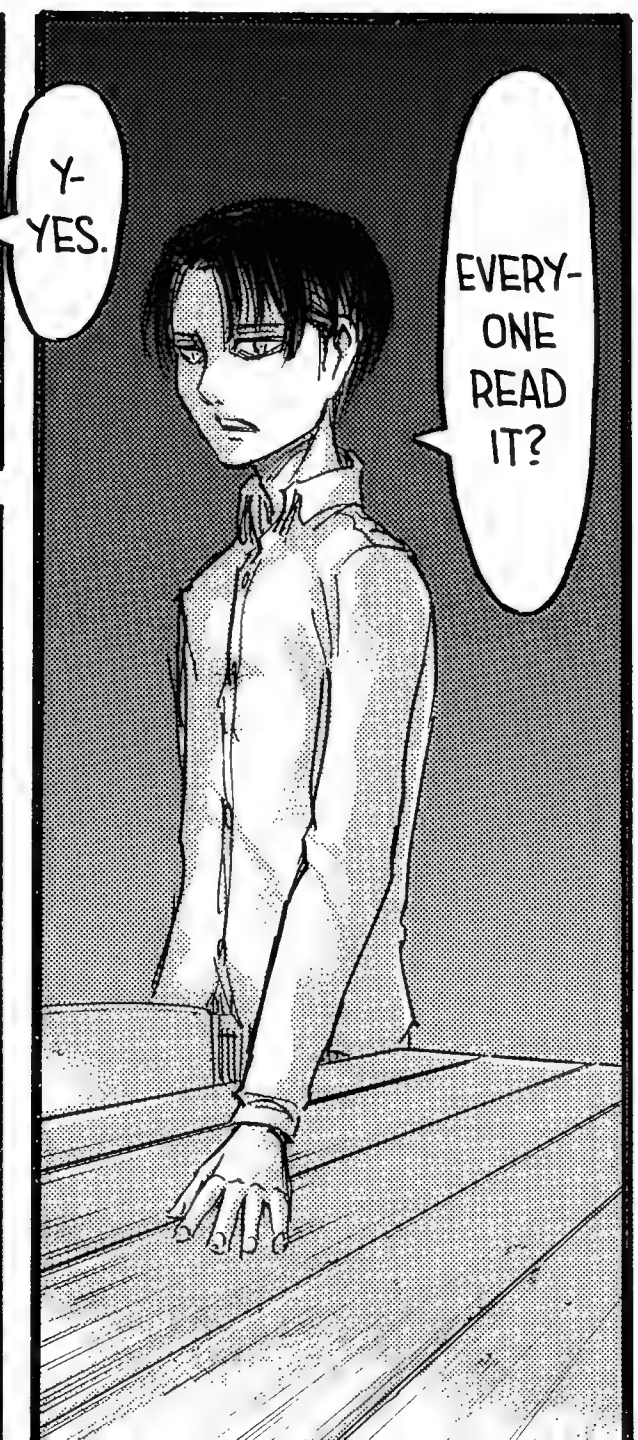

Y- YES.
EVERY- ONE READ IT?

DO YOU TRUST HIM?
THOSE DUMB ENOUGH TO SAY YES... COME WITH ME.
IN- STRUC- TIONS FROM ERWIN.
BWOOSH

THAT WAS CLOSE ...

CAPTAIN... ARE THOSE INTERIOR MPS?

IF WE HAD STAYED ONE MORE NIGHT IN THERE ...?

WHAT WOULD HAVE HAPPENED TO US...

THEY DIDN'T TAKE ME TOO SERIOUSLY, EITHER ...

I CAN'T IMAGINE THEY'D ACT DIRECTLY ALL THE WAY OUT HERE, BUT...

BEATS ME.

GOOD THING THE MOON'S OUT TONIGHT.

ZAK

HURRY TO THE RENDEZ-VOUS POINT.

ZAK

TROST DISTRICT

HM ?

AREN'T YOU LEVI?!

HEY...

CHATTER CHATTER

HAH...! I'VE ONLY EVER SEEN HIM ON A HORSE.

HEY, HE'S SMALL ...

IT IS !

I'VE SEEN HIM BEFORE, TOO!

THAT'S LEVI, HUMANITY'S STRONGEST SOLDIER!!

YOU'RE IN THE WAY.

...

WE LOST OUT ON A LOT OF WORK BECAUSE OF THAT EVACUATION PLAN YOU SOLDIERS MADE ALL THAT NOISE ABOUT!

COME ON, CAPTAIN. HEAR US OUT!

WE HUMBLE FOLK JUST WANT A WORD WITH YOU.

THE GARRISON RAN OFF SOMEWHERE, AND CROWDS OF THIEVES CAME IN TO TAKE THEIR PLACE.

OUR INCOME'S GONE, AND WE CAN'T EAT.

IT'S NOT JUST US. PEOPLE DON'T COME TO TOWNS BY THE WALL LIKE THIS ONE ANYMORE BECAUSE OF ALL THE UNCER-TAINTY.

I THINK I KNOW WHY.

WHY'D THINGS TURN OUT LIKE THIS? WHY DO THE TITANS KEEP ATTACK-ING?

WHAT ARE WE SUPPOSED TO DO?

...BUT TAXES ARE AS HIGH AS EVER.

IT'S BECAUSE YOU IN THE SURVEY CORPS AREN'T WORKING HARD ENOUGH.

YOU LAZE AROUND, GET NOTHING DONE, AND YOU STILL GET TO EAT...

BUT IT'S NOT LIKE THAT FOR YOU PEOPLE, IS IT?

I WORK AND GET NOTHING IN RETURN ALL THE TIME.

I'VE ALWAYS BLAMED MYSELF IF I DON'T MAKE MONEY IN MY BUSINESS.

OUT ON A WALK, WOMEN IN TOW... ALL HIGH AND MIGHTY!

EEK!

WHAT'RE YOU DOING, STROLLING THROUGH TOWN LIKE THIS? GOING SHOPPING?

RIGHT?

START REPAYING US FOR ALL THE FOOD THE SURVEY CORPS DIDN'T EARN!

...JUST LEAVE SOME MONEY AND GO AWAY.

IF YOU'VE GOT ANY SHAME AT ALL...

WATCH OUT!

HEY!

...!

WATCH OUT FOR WHAT?

HUH?

THUD

WHAT'S THAT, HUMANITY'S STRONGEST SOLDIER?!

GRAB

THERE'S A CARRIAGE COMING!!

THUD UD UD UD

THUD UD UD

AHH !!

THUD UD UD

THEY'VE BEEN KIDNAPPED AGAIN!!

KRISTA AND EREN!!

AR-

I MEAN,

ARE YOU—

H... HEY ...

ROLL ROLL

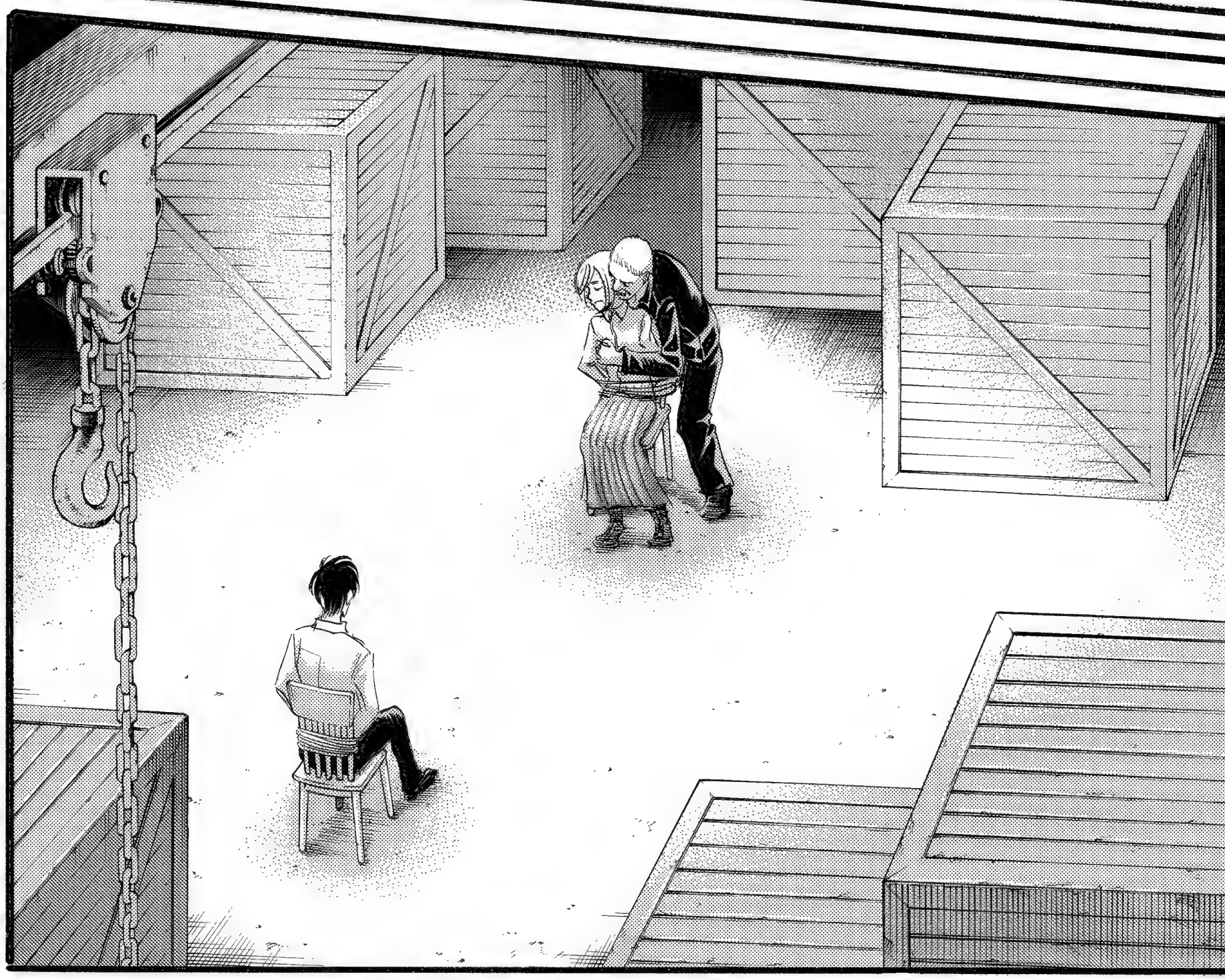
HE DOESN'T LOOK ANYTHING LIKE ME...

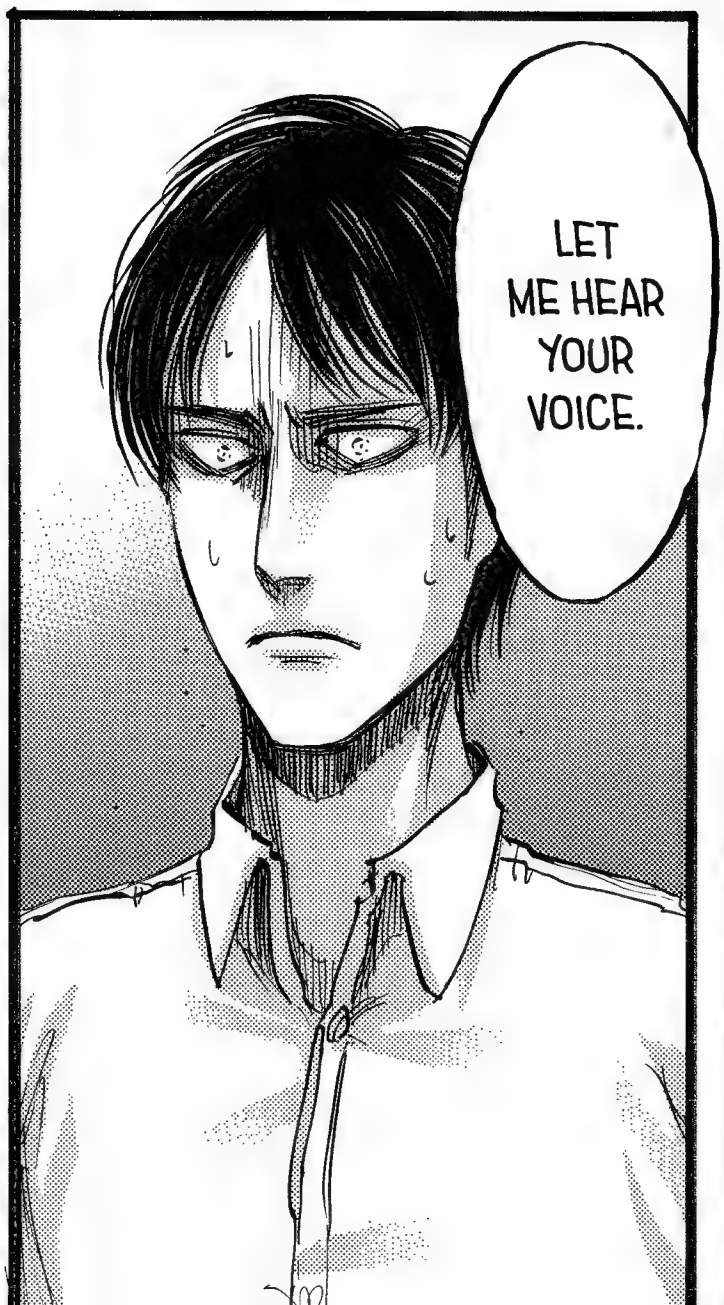
WITH THAT HORSE FACE OF HIS...

I HOPE HE'LL BE OKAY ...

IF THEY'RE FOUND OUT TOO SOON...

... THEY'LL BE IN BIG TROUBLE.




LET ME HEAR YOUR VOICE.

SO... HOW ABOUT IT?

HAAH

HAAH

I JUST WANT TO HEAR THAT PRETTY VOICE OF YOURS—

HAAH

UNH…

COME ON.

HAAH

IT'S ALL RIGHT.

HAAH

GAH…

I THOUGHT I WAS DONE WITH BEING…

…THAT BASTARD'S BODY DOUBLE

WHAT'S IT LOOK LIKE INSIDE?

SWOOSH

THEY'RE GOING TO SEE THROUGH ARMIN'S DISGUISE IF WE DON'T HURRY...

I SEE.

I FEEL BAD FOR HIM, TOO.

HOW'S YOUR LEG?

FWOOO

IT'S MOVING PRETTY WELL...

IT'S NOT BAD.

ATTACK ON TITAN

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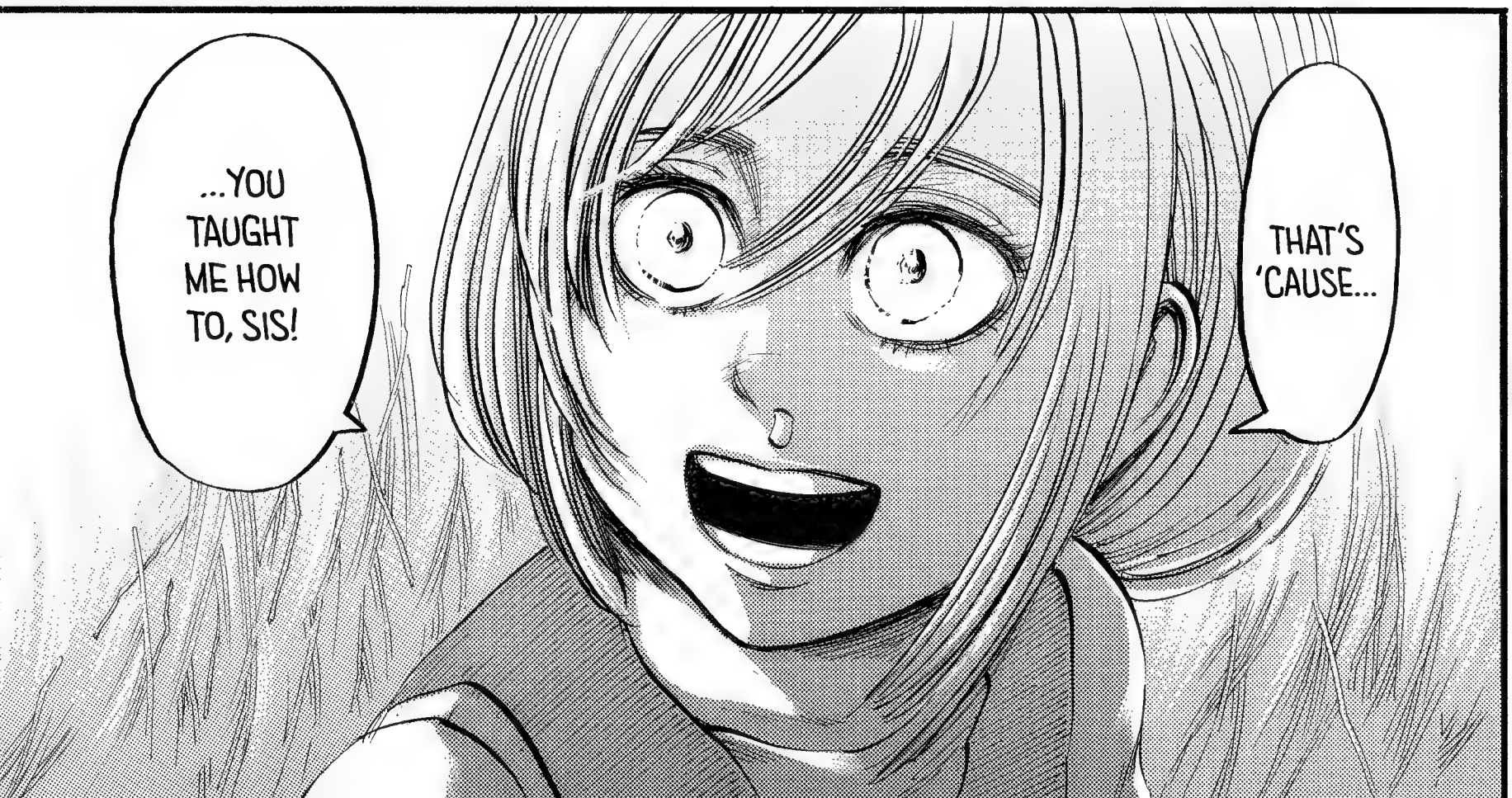

YOU'VE GOT TO ACT MORE LADYLIKE, HISTORIA!

RUSTLE

OH, YOU CAN'T LET YOUR NOSE RUN LIKE THAT.

BLOW.

OKAY...

WHOA!

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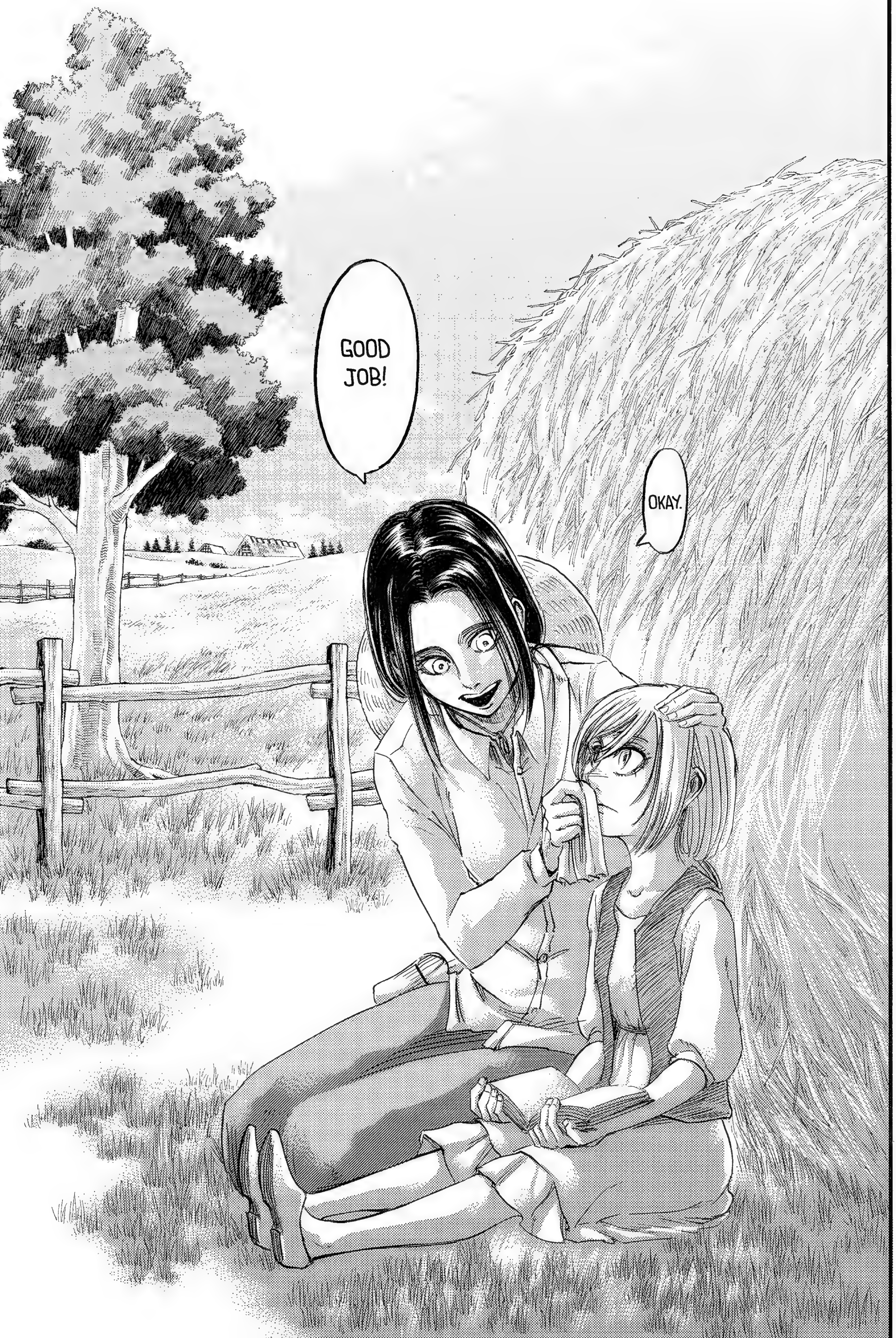

GOOD JOB!
OKAY.

WHAT'S "LADY-LIKE" MEAN?

HM?

SIS?

WELL... IT MEANS SOME-THING LIKE...

...BEING A YOUNG LADY, LIKE THIS GIRL.

YOU LIKE HER TOO, RIGHT?

YEAH.

BECAUSE SHE'S A KIND GIRL WHO'S ALWAYS THINKING OF OTHERS.

YOU SHOULD GROW UP TO BE LIKE HER.

THIS WORLD IS FULL OF PAIN AND SUFFERING.

THAT'S WHY YOU SHOULD BE SOMEONE EVERYONE CAN LOVE, WHO DEPENDS ON OTHERS AND ON WHOM OTHERS CAN DEPEND.

...OKAY.

HUH ?!

I WANT TO GROW UP TO BE LIKE YOU.

THEN ...

ENOUGH...

ALL RIGHT !!

IT'S FINE !!

GRAB

WHA ?!

AH...

...

WHEN I GROW UP... DO YOU THINK I CAN BE LIKE YOU?

TIME'S UP ALREADY.

SORRY, HISTORIA.

CLONK
I WANT YOU TO FORGET ABOUT ME AGAIN.
UNTIL THE NEXT TIME WE MEET.
HUH —?
KRAK
ZAKK
ZAKK
HUH ?
WHOOOOOOOOSH
WHO WAS...
... THAT GIRL ...?

WHA?!

WHAT'S WRONG?

JERK

HUH?

I WAS JUST SLEEP-ING...

NOTH-ING...

NO, WAIT ...

I FEEL LIKE I HAD AN IMPOR-TANT DREAM...

BUT I CAN'T REMEMBER A THING ABOUT IT.

YEAH.

THAT HAPPENS TO ME A LOT, TOO.

...IT'S ALREADY SO LATE!

THE SUN'S ABOUT TO SET...

I'D LIKE TO THINK THAT WITH CAPTAIN LEVI THEY'LL GET RESULTS, BUT...

...ARE WE REALLY UP AGAINST THE REEVES COMPANY ?

HUH ?

SCRAPE

HUH?

WHY ARE YOU APOLOGIZING TO ME?

...

...AND THAT'S WHY WE'VE GOT TO WASTE ALL THIS TIME ON TRICKS.

I'M SORRY... I FAILED AS A TITAN...

RESCUE...

I FEEL LIKE IT WOULDN'T BE...

...A RESCUE ANYMORE.

YMIR... YOU WANT TO RESCUE HER NOW, RIGHT?

IT'S LIKE YOU SAID.

BACK THEN, YMIR CHOSE WHAT LIFE SHE WOULD LEAD.

...

I'VE GOT NO RIGHT TO INTERFERE, AND SHE DOESN'T NEED ME TO.

SO...

WHAT DO... **YOU** WANT TO DO?

...

I DON'T KNOW.

ALL I HAVE NOW... ARE SOME VAGUE FACTS ABOUT MY BIRTH...

...AND A HUGE ROLE THAT I DON'T SEE MYSELF REMOTELY CUT OUT FOR.

NO MATTER HOW HARD IT GETS... YOU ALWAYS KNOW WHAT YOU WANT.

I ENVY YOU, EREN.

...HOW THAT FEELS.

YOU PROBA-BLY CAN'T UNDER-STAND ...

BUT... AFTER YMIR DISAPPEARED, I STOPPED UNDERSTAND-ING WHO I AM... AND WHAT I WANT.

YMIR SAW THE REAL ME... THE ME THAT CHOSE THE SURVEY CORPS. THE ME THAT EVEN I DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT.

THEY ALL HAVE SOMETHING IMPORTANT ENOUGH TO THEM THAT THEY'D RISK THEIR LIVES FOR IT.

IT'S NOT JUST YOU. EVERY-ONE'S THAT WAY...

I TOTALLY UNDER-STAND.

NO.

WE BOTH LIVE IN THIS ABSURD WORLD!

...WHERE IF WE DON'T DO SOMETHING, WE'LL LOSE EVERY-THING!

WE DON'T HAVE TIME TO FEEL CON-FLICTED.

...

SORRY.

BUT TO BE HONEST, I DON'T SEE WHY.

SHOULDN'T YOU BE MORE WORRIED ABOUT HIM?

RIGHT NOW, ARMIN'S TAKING ON A DANGEROUS MISSION AS YOUR BODY DOUBLE.

KRISTA PROBABLY WOULD'VE BEEN WORRIED FOR EVERY-ONE.

KRISTA LENZ WAS A GOOD GIRL.

THERE ARE LOTS OF KIDS LIKE HER IN THE UNDER-GROUND...

HER STORY ISN'T EVEN ESPECIALLY UNUSUAL.

QUITE THE OPPOSITE. NO ONE WANTED HER TO BE BORN.

HISTORIA'S PARENTS NEVER LOVED HER. NOBODY DID.

BUT HISTORIA REISS...

THAT I'M NOTHING LIKE THE GOOD GIRL KRISTA LENZ WAS.

THAT THE REAL ME WAS THIS EMPTY.

EVERYONE WAS DISAPPOINTED, RIGHT?

SO ?

... HUH ?

BUT I DIDN'T REALLY LIKE THE OLD YOU.

I DON'T KNOW ABOUT THE OTHERS ...

NO... THAT'S NOT TRUE.

... OH.

...

IT WAS UN-NATURAL. A LITTLE CREEPY, HONESTLY.

IT FELT LIKE YOU ALWAYS HAD A FORCED EXPRESSION ON YOUR FACE...

BUT…

THERE'S SOME-THING I LIKE ABOUT YOU NOW.

…HUH?

YOU'RE JUST NORMAL.

JUST A NORMAL GIRL WHO'S ABSURDLY HONEST.

YOU'RE SURE THAT IT'S EREN AND KRISTA, CORRECT?

YES. THEIR FEATURES MATCH.

DID YOU SEE IF THE CAPTIVES ARE WEARING DISGUIS-ES?

...NO, NOT YET.

HONEST-LY, THIS IS OUR LAST CHANCE.

HOLD UP ON YOUR REPORT.

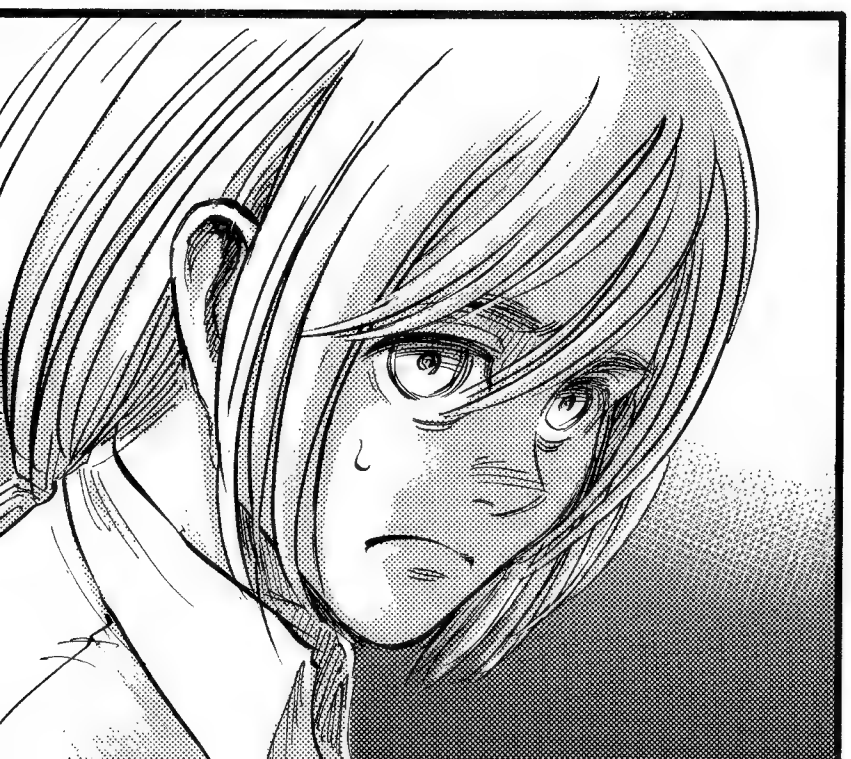
...I APOLO-GIZE.

KCHT

...DO YOU WANT TO MESS EVERY-THING UP AGAIN, YOU DAMNED FOOL?

WHERE'S THE GUARD ...?

HM ...?



FOR SITUA-TIONS LIKE THIS...

COME ON...

WE NEED TO START BY STRIPPING OUR CAPTIVES...

KLOK

KLOK

HUNH ?!

CLANG

HN ?!

JERK

THUD

BWOOSH
SKOK

GRAB

FWOOSH

AH!

RATTLE

RATTLE

HURRY!!

GRT

DAMN IT...

YEAH, THAT'S EVERY-ONE!!

THERE'S NO ONE ELSE NEARBY !!

KA-CHHT

!

CONNIE!

THERE'S THREE OF THEM! IS THAT REALLY EVERY-ONE?!

?!

H... HEY !

WHAM

GRAB

WHAT IF YOU HIT MIKASA WITH THAT?!
IT'S MIKASA'S FAULT FOR TAKING HER EYE OFF THE PREY!
WH
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SH
WELL...
LOOKS LIKE WE PULLED IT OFF...
ARE YOU THE BOSS OF THIS COMPANY?

I'M NOTHING BUT AN OLD MAN...

YOU'VE GOT IT WRONG! I'M JUST SOMEONE THEY USE TO TRANSPORT CARGO.

NO...

OH...

HM ?

I DON'T KNOW ANY-THING—

SO PLEASE, SIR... BE GENTLE WITH ME.

YOU WERE BLOCK-ING A GATE...

THAT DAY.

...OHH.

FINE.

BEING IN YOUR NEST MAKES ME FEEL ANTSY... LET'S GET SOME AIR.

BOSS ?

HEAR THAT ?

AGH.

I REMEMBER HIS STAFF CALLING HIM "BOSS" IN THE PAST.

THIS IS HIM.

YES, SIR.

HEY. FIX HIS GAG.

HM?

WE'LL KEEP YOUR UNDERLINGS ON THE FLOOR HERE FOR A LITTLE LONGER.

YOU... YOU'RE REALLY A BOY...

HUH?

I HEARD...

SLURP

IT'S... ALL YOUR FAULT...

PANT

I USED TO BE NORMAL...

BUT NOW LOOK AT ME.

PANT

WHAT ARE YOU DOING? HURRY UP.

I GOT THIS.

ARMIN...

YOU HAVE TO DO SOME-THING ABOUT THIS.

WHOOOOOOOOOOSH

DO YOU KNOW WHERE THIS IS, BOSS?

WHY DID YOU TAKE ME ALL THE WAY HERE?

THIS IS MY TOWN.

TROST'S OUTER GATE— ER, FORMER OUTER GATE.

HUMANITY'S SOUTHERN FRONT... THE BORDER BETWEEN WORLDS.

A FRIGHTENING PLACE, BUT LUCRATIVE... IT WAS A GOOD TOWN.

WE USED THE STRENGTH OF A TITAN TO CLOSE A HOLE MADE BY A TITAN.

WE TRIED A LOT OF THINGS, BUT IN THE END, HUMANS JUST COULDN'T MATCH UP.

I'LL TELL YOU WHAT WE CALL IT.

THE PLACE WHERE HUMANITY FIRST DEFEATED THE TITANS.

AND... THE PLACE THAT PROVES HUMANITY'S POWER-LESSNESS.

OF COURSE, IT'S NOT AS IF A TITAN'S STRENGTH ALONE CLOSED IT.

MANY SOLDIERS GAVE THEIR LIVES, TOO.

IT TOOK ALL OF THAT PLUS A CHAIN OF COUNTLESS MIRACLES TO KEEP YOUR TOWN JUST BARELY STANDING HERE.

AND THE SOURCE OF THOSE MIRA-CLES IS EREN.

HMF.

THAT'S WHO YOU TRIED TO SNATCH FROM US.

SO YOU TOOK ME HERE TO LECTURE ME?

PLEASE, SOLDIER. GIVE ME A BREAK.

BEING UP HERE ISN'T EASY ON MY OLD BODY.

TELL ME, WHAT WAS THE POINT...

...OF THE DEAL YOU MADE WITH THE INTERIOR MPS?

I HATE HAVING TO SEE AN OLD MAN GET CHEWED OUT.

... YOU'RE RIGHT. NEVER MIND.

DEAL ?

THERE WAS NEVER ANY DEAL.

WE FOLLOWED ORDERS WE WERE GIVEN.

THE POINT WAS TO FOLLOW THOSE ORDERS SO THAT WE DIDN'T LOSE EVERYTHING.

BUT THE NIGHT RAID FAILED, AND SO DID THE KIDNAP-PING.

EVERYTHING THE REEVES COMPANY HAS IS GOING TO BE SEIZED BY THE ROYAL GOVERNMENT ON WHATEVER CHARGES THEY COME UP WITH. MY EMPLOYEES AND THEIR FAMILIES ARE GOING TO BE THROWN ONTO THE STREETS.

ON TOP OF THAT, A FEW OF MY SUBORDINATES AND I... WILL PROBABLY DIE IN SOME SORT OF ACCIDENT TO KEEP OUR MOUTHS SHUT.

WHOOOOOOSH

THOSE GUYS IN THE INTERIOR ARE IDIOTS.

BUT I DO HAVE SOME GOOD NEWS FOR YOU, SOLDIER.

HAHAHA
HAHA HA
I MEAN, THAT GIRL OVER THERE BROUGHT US DOWN SINGLE-HANDED!
IT'S RIDICU-LOUS!
DAHAHAHA
HOW ARE A HANDFUL OF CHEAP THUGS LIKE US SUPPOSED TO TAKE CARE OF YOU? WHAT A BUNCH OF MORONS.
YOU PEOPLE GO OUT TO FIGHT AND KILL TITANS.
WHOOOOSH
I UNDER-STAND THAT MUCH ...
YEAH... WE'RE APPAR-ENTLY UP AGAINST FOOLS.
GOOD TIP, RIGHT ?
WHAT DO YOU SAY, SOLDIER ?
HUH ?
...BUT WHY ARE YOU LETTING THESE FOOLS KILL YOU OFF, BOSS?
BUT WE CAN KILL THE TITANS, TOO.
...I SEE. THAT'S TRUE.
THE FOOLS THAT KILL AND EAT YOU PEOPLE DON'T EVEN WEAR CLOTHES, RIGHT?
THEY'RE DUMB, BUT THEY'RE THE RULERS OF OUR WORLD.

IF I FAIL, THAT JUST MEANS MORE OF MY MEN WILL DIE.

WHY NOT?

NO.

IF YOU'RE GOING TO DIE ANYWAY, YOU MIGHT AS WELL TRY.

IT'S THE SAME THING.

THAT'LL HAPPEN EITHER WAY.

DON'T WORRY.

BUT THERE ARE STILL PEOPLE HERE.

IT WAS ONCE OCCUPIED BY TITANS AND IS HALF-ANNIHILATED.

TROST DISTRICT, YOUR TOWN, IS ON THE VERGE OF FAILURE.

WHAT WAS THAT?

BUT THE REEVES COMPANY PLAYS A MAJOR ROLE, TOO, BY BRINGING PEOPLE WORK.

THAT'S BECAUSE THERE ARE ENGINEERS HERE WHO FILL AND FORTIFY THE GATE... AND SOLDIERS READY FOR A TITAN ATTACK.

IF THAT HAPPENS, YOUR EMPLOYEES WON'T BE THE ONLY ONES OUT ON THE STREET... IT'LL BE EVERYONE LIVING HERE, EXCEPT THE SOLDIERS.

AT THIS RATE, THOUGH, THE REEVES COMPANY WILL DISAPPEAR. THAT WILL BE THE FINAL BLOW TO THIS TOWN. IT'LL STOP FUNCTIONING ENTIRELY.

... COUNTLESS PEOPLE WILL DIE.

WELL... IT'S INEVITABLE NOW. BECAUSE YOU WON'T GIVE US EREN AND KRISTA...

MAYBE YOU'RE RIGHT. BEING KILLED BY THE INTERIOR MPS WOULD STILL BE A MORE MERCIFUL WAY TO GO.

HOW MANY OF THEM WILL MAKE IT THROUGH THE WINTER?

I'LL GIVE YOU EREN AND KRISTA.

THAT'S EXACTLY RIGHT.

SO?

TO KEEP THE PEOPLE HERE FROM DYING OUT, WILL YOU HAND OVER YOUR TWO TREASURES?

HUH?!

WHA?

FROM NOW ON, THE REEVES COMPANY WILL JOIN THE SURVEY CORPS IN OPPOSING THE INTERIOR MILITARY POLICE BRIGADE, AS WELL AS THE ROYAL GOVERNMENT AND ITS DECREES.

ONE.

CAPTAIN LEVI?!

BUT YOU'LL HAVE TO ACCEPT THREE CONDITIONS.

TWO.

ARE YOU TELLING ME TO START A WAR?!

WHAT ...?!

THE REEVES COMPANY WILL TRUST THE SURVEY CORPS WHOLE-HEARTEDLY.

MER-CHANTS ?

WE MERCHANTS ONLY USE THAT WORD AS A JOKE, YOU KNOW.

TRUST YOU?

I'M ASKING YOU ABOUT HOW YOU LIVE YOUR LIFE. WHAT KIND OF MAN ARE YOU?

I'M NOT SPEAKING TO A MERCHANT. I'M SPEAKING TO YOU. DIMO REEVES.

WILL YOU LET YOUR MEN AND THE PEOPLE OF THIS TOWN DIE...

...AND ACCEPT DEFEAT ?

OR WILL YOU FACE THE RULERS OF OUR WORLD...

...AND FIGHT ?

EVEN I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE RIGHT ANSWER IS.

YOU'RE FREE TO CHOOSE.

HAH...

AMATEUR.

WHAT KIND OF IDIOT ACCEPTS A CONTRACT WITHOUT HEARING ALL THE CONDITIONS FIRST?

OOPS. MY APOLO-GIES.

THREE.

FROM NOW ON, THE SURVEY CORPS WILL RECEIVE PRIORITY ACCESS TO ANY RARE OR LUXURY FOOD, DRINK, OR PRODUCT THE REEVES COMPANY OBTAINS.

TEA, FOR EXAM-PLE.

...

SEEMS YOU'RE EVEN GREEDIER THAN A MER-CHANT.

...SASHA...

HEY ?!

THAT'S A FANTASTIC CONDI-TION, CAPTAIN!

FAN-TAS-TIC!

YOU'RE A SMART MAN.

I LIKE THAT.

WHO O O OO O

SH

WE HAVE A DEAL.

GRRRN...

CLATTER CLATTER CLATTER

YES! EREN HAS USED UP HIS TITAN POWERS AND I'VE TRAPPED HIM IN A CAVE!

YOU MPS HAVE TO HURRY !

HEY! REEVES! ARE EREN AND KRISTA REALLY UP HERE?!

CLONK

MISTER SANNES !

AH!!

GRRKK

WHOOOOOSH

AAAAAHHH!

DAMN IT! THIS IS ALL BECAUSE THEY RUSHED MY HORSES!!

HEY! DO SOME-THING! OUR MISSION IS—

MY HORSES...

MY MEN...

I CAN'T BE-LIEVE THIS ...!

I'LL SEND OUT A SEARCH PARTY !!

F-FOR NOW ...

DASH

...

THOSE STUPID BAS-TARDS!

HOW MANY TIMES DID I TELL THEM WE COULDN'T GET THROUGH HERE TODAY?!

THIS PREPOSTEROUS BATTLE... IS ONLY JUST BEGINNING.

THIS WILL ONLY BUY US TIME.

BUT ONLY FOR NOW.

IT WORKED...

HERE'S WHAT WE'VE LEARNED FROM THIS INCIDENT.

IF IT MEANS GETTING EREN AND KRISTA UNDER THEIR CONTROL ...

THE MONARCHY WILL DO ANYTHING WITHIN ITS POWER... WITH NEXT TO NO CONSIDERATION FOR THE SECURITY OF THE PEOPLE AND THE WALLS.

WE CANNOT PERMIT THE MONARCHY...

...TO KEEP UP THIS ABUSE.

WE CANNOT ALLOW THIS ABSURD SITUATION TO CONTINUE...

AH!

YOU'RE AWAKE, SANNES.

...AS WE COUNT DOWN THE DAYS TO HUMANITY'S EXTINCTION.

THESE MEASURES ARE NOW...

...THE ONLY WAY FOR HUMANITY TO SURVIVE.

...TO OVERTHROW THE ROYAL GOVERNMENT.

WE'LL USE OUR STRENGTH ...

...AND WE WILL SEIZE CONTROL OVER WHAT'S LEFT OF HUMANITY INSIDE THESE WALLS.

Continued in Vol. 14

"Under the same stars"

"We were both so clumsy"

"We hurt each other"

"Miracles"

"These anxious feelings"

"I truly want to see you"

"These unending raindrops"

"Sakura"

"See you"

"I can't see you"

Will Eren see him?!

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"Close your eyes"

"The impossible dream of seeing you"

"I want to believe in miracles"

"Sleepless nights"

"The changing streets"

"It didn't matter who, I just wanted to kill someone"

I JUST WANT TO SEE YOU !!

FORGET ABOUT TITANS, I DON'T CARE ...!!

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WHAT DO YOU THINK THE REMAINING MASSES WOULD DO...?

...AND APPEAR AS A CREATOR OF CONFLICT DURING THE HEIGHT OF THIS CRISIS...

IF YOU WERE TO SLAUGHTER THAT SYMBOL OF PROSPERI-TY...

ERWIN.

NO REVOLU-TION BY FORCE CAN AVOID THIS OUT-COME.

DO YOU HAVE ANOTHER IMAGE OF THE FUTURE TO SHOW ME?

NEVER MIND PLANS TO RETAKE WALL MARIA.

VOLUME 14 COMING SOON!

A wall must be overcome before the monarchy can be overthrown. Its height, nearly insurmountable...

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